



SUBLETTE COUNTY UNIFIED FIRE

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LOCAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS ENACTED

(Pinedale, WY) Effective Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 12:01 AM, Sublette County has enacted Stage 1 Fire Restrictions that limit fires within the county. The Sublette County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to enact fire restrictions following the recommendations of Fire Chief Shad Cooper. Fire restrictions have also been implemented for the USFS Bridger-Teton National Forest. The BLM High Desert District is currently in the process of moving into fire restrictions soon. The restrictions have been enacted due to the current high fire danger, drought conditions, and continued hot, dry, and windy weather. Additionally, increased visitation and recreational use has led to several new fires in the neighboring areas.

The Sublette County's Stage One Fire Restrictions prohibit all outdoor fires, incendiary devices, and the discharge of fireworks within the county. The following exceptions are only allowed if the fire activity is controlled with a minimum of 15' radius of cleared area with no burnable materials:

- Campfires at residences or campsites, within a fire ring centered within a minimum of a 15ft. cleared radius of burnable materials.
- Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M, inside containers provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared radius of a minimum of 15ft. of burnable materials.
- Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.
- Use of acetylene cutting, electric arc welders, or metal grinding in a cleared radius of 15ft. of burnable materials.
- The use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or fully enclosed (shepherd type) stove and open fire branding activities in a cleared radius of 15ft. of burnable materials is permitted.

Additional fire restrictions have also been enacted on the USFS Bridger-Teton National Forest. These additional fire restrictions apply primarily to restricting campfires and smoking on federal lands, in addition to the normal year-round wildfire prevention restrictions on fireworks, exploding targets, incendiary ammunition, and operating off-road vehicles/chainsaws without properly installed spark arresters.

Fire restrictions and allowable fire use do vary depending on jurisdiction. For specific information about fire restrictions on public land, please see the following: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/gbcc/dispatch/wy-tdc/home/information/restrictions>

Residents and visitors are also reminded to always be aware of driving and parking on dry grass and to always ensure tow chains are secure before towing a vehicle.

Approved: Shad Cooper
Sublette County Fire Chief/Warden
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