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News Release

Sheriff Hoy places fire restrictions in Eagle County

The Office of the Sheriff, in a cooperative effort with local fire authorities to prevent the possibility of potential wildland fires, has placed restrictions on open burning. Eagle County Sheriff Joseph Hoy placed restrictions on open burning on all non-federal lands in Eagle County, effective June 30, 2007 at 12:01a.m.

Due to the unseasonably warm and dry weather patterns, all fire protection agencies are supporting the decision to place restrictions in effect for Eagle County.

With the fire danger remaining high to very high in our communities, the concerns are that any fire in these conditions could jeopardize lives. These "Fire Restrictions" ban the use of open solid fuel fires except in constructed fire pits with a grate.

Cooking on gas fueled stoves and grills is still allowed during these restrictions. Charcoal fueled barbeques are allowed only on private property.

Citizens are urged to use caution when smoking, confining their embers to the inside of vehicles or buildings, back yards and developed recreation sites.

No use of explosive devices requiring fuses is permitted. The restrictions include the use of private fireworks. Any pyrotechnic devices that leave the ground are illegal. The arrest and conviction of the use of these devices are considered a class four felony.

Weather patterns may produce rain; however, restrictions will remain in effect until the fire danger decreases and local fire authorities rescind these restrictions.

People who obviously disregard the law and the fire conditions, or are negligent in the maintenance of their fire, will be held responsible for the costs of suppression efforts.

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Additional information can be found at www.eaglecounty.us. Please contact the office of Emergency Management or the local fire authorities with questions.

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