

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HINSDALE, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES 2021

**A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING STAGE ONE (1) FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN THE
NORTHERN AREAS OF UNINCORPORATED HINSDALE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 30-15-401(1)(n.5), C.R.S., on July 2, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado ("Board") adopted "An Ordinance Establishing a Permanent Process to Periodically Ban Open Fires Within Unincorporated Areas of Hinsdale County, Colorado ("Fire Ban Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fire Ban Ordinance and Colorado law, the Board has the authority at any meeting, by resolution, to ban open fires to a degree and in a manner that the Board deems necessary to reduce the danger of grass and wildfires within those portions of unincorporated Hinsdale County where the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high based on competent evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Gunnison/Mesa/Uncompahgre National Forest ("GMUG") has instituted Stage One (1) fire restrictions in northern Hinsdale County due to the current dangerous grass and wildfire conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Hinsdale County Emergency Manager and the Hinsdale County Sheriff have reported to the Board that the current danger of forest and grass fires is high in the northern areas of unincorporated Hinsdale County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the danger of forest and/or grass fires in the northern areas of unincorporated Hinsdale County, which for purposes of this Resolution shall include all areas of unincorporated Hinsdale County north of the Continental Divide, is high at this time, and Stage One (1) fire restrictions are necessary and appropriate in said region based on competent evidence from the GMUG, the Hinsdale County Emergency Manager, the Hinsdale County Sheriff and other sources; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado that as of June 24, 2021 at 10 a.m., Stage One (1) fire restrictions shall be in place in the northern areas of unincorporated Hinsdale County, which for purposes of this Resolution shall include all areas of unincorporated Hinsdale County north of the Continental Divide, as follows:

1. **The following activities are prohibited:**
 - a. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal barbecues/grills or stove fires.

EXCEPTION: Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, including

charcoal, in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites or on private property is permissible. The use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or a fully enclosed (shepherd type) gas stove or grill with a ¼" spark arrester type screen is also permitted.

- b. Using explosive materials, including but not limited to, fireworks.
- c. Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle, trailer, building or tent, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

2. **The following activities are permitted:**

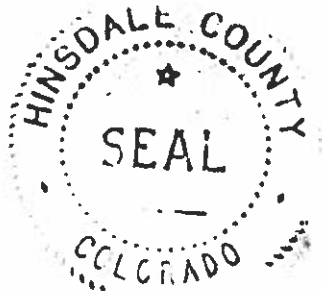
- a. Cooking on manufactured liquid fuel grills or stoves and propane grills.
- b. Campfires in prefabricated concrete/metal fire enclosures in established campgrounds (i.e., U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, privately owned).
- c. Fires in chiminea type manufactured enclosures on private property.
- d. Public fireworks display authorized by Hinsdale County.

3. **The following persons are exempt from the prohibitions of this Resolution:**

- a. Any local, state, or federal officer, or member of an organized emergency operation (i.e., fire, search and rescue, law enforcement, etc.).
- b. Persons with a permit from the Hinsdale County Sheriff's Department specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited activity.

4. **Violations of this Resolution shall be punishable according to the penalty and fine provisions contained in the Fire Ban Ordinance.**

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 23 day of June 2021.

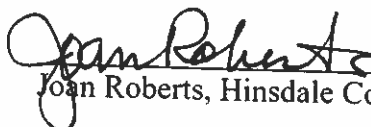


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By: 

Kristie Borchers, Chair

ATTEST:


Joan Roberts, Hinsdale County Clerk