

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14, SERIES 2022**

**A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING STAGE TWO (2) FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN THE UPPER  
PIEDRA REGION OF UNINCORPORATED SOUTHERN 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 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, following Stage 1 fire restrictions that were instituted by the San Juan National Forest, on May 25, 2022, Hinsdale County, by and through Resolution No. 12, Series 2022, instituted Stage 1 fire restrictions in the Upper Piedra region of unincorporated Hinsdale County; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the Stage 1 fire restrictions, the fire danger rating in the Upper Piedra Region has become very high, the forecast is for continued hot/dry weather, the extreme drought has worsened and dangerous grass and wildfire conditions have continued to increase; and

WHEREAS, San Juan National Forest instituted Stage 2 fire restrictions on June 15, 2022; 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 extreme in the Upper Piedra region of southern unincorporated Hinsdale County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that Stage Two (2) fire restrictions are necessary and appropriate in Upper Piedra region of southern unincorporated Hinsdale County based on competent evidence; 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 16, 2022 at Noon Stage Two (2) fire restrictions shall be in place in the Upper Piedra region of southern unincorporated Hinsdale County until further notice, as follows:

1. **The following activities are prohibited:**

- a. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including fires in developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas), charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves, and shepherd's stoves.
- b. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building.
- c. Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- d. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without an effective and properly installed USDA- or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)- approved spark arrestor.
- e. Operating a chainsaw without an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAE- approved spark arrestor, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum of 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) kept with the operator and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use.
- f. Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition.
- g. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle.

2. **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.

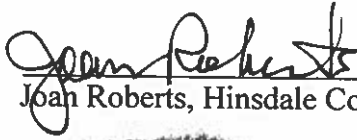
3. **Violations of this Resolution shall be punishable according to the penalty and fine provisions contained in the Fire Ban Ordinance.**

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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By: Kristie Borchers  
Kristie Borchers, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Joan Roberts, Hinsdale County Clerk

