

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9, SERIES 2023

**A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN THE UPPER
PIEDRA REGION OF UNINCORPORATED SOUTHERN HINSDALE COUNTY,
EXCLUDING THE WEMINUICHE WILDERNESS**

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, Hinsdale County Sheriff Chris Kambish and Hinsdale County Emergency Manager Phil Graham have reported to the Board that the current danger of forest and grass fires is high in all lower elevation areas of unincorporated Hinsdale County in the Upper Piedra area; and

WHEREAS, San Juan National Forest instituted Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on July 13, 2023, in portions of the forest that include Hinsdale County but exclude the Weminuche Wilderness; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the danger of forest and/or grass fires in the Piedra region of unincorporated Hinsdale County is high at this time and Stage 1 fire restrictions are necessary and appropriate in said regions based on competent evidence from the Hinsdale County Sheriff and Emergency Manager Phil Graham; and

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

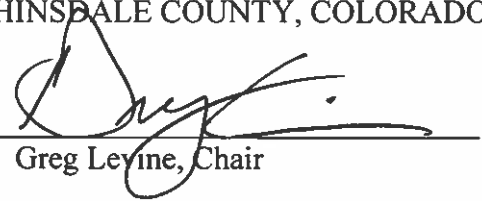
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado that **as of Friday, July 14 at Noon, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions shall be in place in the Upper Piedra regions of unincorporated Hinsdale County, excluding the Weminuche Wilderness, until further notice**, as follows:

1. **The following activities are prohibited:**
 - a. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal barbecues/grills or stove fires **OUTSIDE** of private property or permanent fire pits or grates within developed recreation sites.

- 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 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material;
2. **The following activities are permitted:**
- a. Cooking on manufactured liquid fuel and propane grills;
 - b. Campfires in pre-fabricated concrete/metal fire enclosures in established campgrounds (USFS, NPS, privately owned);
 - c. Fires in chiminea type manufactured enclosures on private property; and
 - d. Public fireworks displays 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 Department, search and rescue, law enforcement, etc.); and 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 14th day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO

By: 
Greg Levine, Chair

ATTEST:

By Susan Athay Deputy Clerk
Joan Roberts, Hinsdale County Clerk

