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## News Release

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### **Pueblo County Placed on Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor, in consultation with county fire chiefs, is implementing Stage 1 fire restrictions effective immediately for Pueblo County due to the high fire danger that persists in the region.

“This is not a decision that is taken lightly but one that is done with consideration for the safety and well-being of our citizens and our First Responders,” said Sheriff Taylor, who is the fire warden for the county. “Although vegetation is starting to turn green, a lack of moisture has made for very dry conditions and with the number of fires that have recently occurred in and around Pueblo County, this has become a real safety concern.”

Sheriff Taylor has been closely monitoring conditions and reviewing recent fire activity in the area which led to the issuance of the restrictions.

Stage 1 restrictions prohibit:

- Open burning, except fires and campfires within constructed fire grates inside developed camp and picnic grounds, charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences. These areas must be cleared of all flammable materials. (Exemptions allowed for agricultural burning on a per case basis may be granted by appropriate fire jurisdiction).
- The sale or use of fireworks without a permit.
- Outdoor smoking except inside vehicle or stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren of all flammable materials.

Violations of the fire restrictions can result in fines and mandatory court appearances.

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