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Sheriff Lucero Transitions Pueblo County to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero is transitioning Pueblo County to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, effective 5 p.m. today. Pueblo County has been on Stage 2 Fire Restrictions since June 29, coinciding with the start of the destructive Aspen Acres Fire.

Sheriff Lucero's decision to shift to Stage 1 restrictions was made in consultation with area fire chiefs and as improvements have been made in the fire restriction guidelines.

"We still have active fire, so we ask that residents remain extremely cautious," said Sheriff Lucero. "The science and the current conditions are now allowing us to reduce the fire restrictions, but we ask that residents continue to adhere to those restrictions and remain safe."

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 a vehicle or stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren of all flammable materials.

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

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