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### **Fire Restrictions to be Implemented in Central Utah**

In 2020, firefighters have battled 89 preventable human caused wildfires across the Central Utah Interagency Fire Management Area, burning approximately 2,286 acres of land. With current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with extremely dry conditions, fire managers in central Utah are implementing fire restrictions beginning **Monday, July 13 at 00:01 a.m.** on unincorporated county, state and federally administered public lands in the following areas:

- **Unincorporated privately owned and all state administered lands in Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, and Wayne counties. Incorporated towns and cities are not included in these restrictions.**
- **Bureau of Land Management administered lands in Garfield, Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties.**
- **Fishlake National Forest (Fillmore, Fremont River, and Richfield Ranger Districts).**
- **National Park Service (Capitol Reef National Park).**

#### **Restricted activities include:**

- **No setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fires of any kind, except within the facilities designated for them in improved campgrounds, picnic areas or home sites where running water is present. **Devices fueled by liquid petroleum are allowed.****
- **No discharging of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices outside of incorporated city limits (city specific restrictions may apply).**
- **No shooting of exploding targets or tracer ammunition.**
- **No cutting, grinding, or welding of metal in areas of dry vegetation. This includes acetylene torches.**
- **No use of equipment without a working and properly maintained spark arrestor (if required).**

- **No smoking near vegetation or outside of a developed recreation site, personal vehicle, or building.**

Remember, fire restrictions across different agencies will be slightly different and these restrictions DO NOT apply to incorporated cities. Please check before you go, for specific fire restrictions with the respective land management agency you plan to visit. Agency specific restrictions and reference maps are posted on [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov) under the Statewide Fire Restrictions link.

Preventing fires is a partnership. Firefighters and the public are in this together to protect life, property, and our natural resources. For more information on how you can help prevention unwanted human caused wildfires, visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov) or on Twitter @UtahWildfire. Together, we can protect your favorite spots in Utah.

**Please Note:** Locally, abandoned campfires and vehicle related roadside fires are currently the leading causes of wildfires on public lands. Anything that can create a spark can ignite a wildfire. This includes target shooting, dragging trailer chains and lack of proper vehicle maintenance. Please ensure your campfire is completely out before you leave, keep all vehicles and equipment in good repair, and make sure all ignition sources are a safe distance away from vegetation, to mitigate unwanted wildfires.

Help spread this message and spend a few minutes to take Utah's Spark Change Wildfire Prevention Pledge at [SparkChange.Utah.Gov](http://SparkChange.Utah.Gov).

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*For more information on fires in Utah visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).  
For more information on fires across the country, visit [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).*

