

FIRE RESTRICTION FOR DOLORES COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE TO BAN OPEN FIRES PURSUANT TO 30-15-401(1)(n.5), C.R.S.,
WITH VIOLATIONS PUNISHABLE BY FINE PURSUANT TO 30-15-402, C.R.S.

WHEREAS, THE Dolores County Sheriff and the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County, State of Colorado, based upon competent evidence, finds that the danger of forest and grass fires is high throughout the unincorporated areas of Dolores County and that to protect the public health, safety and welfare it is necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Dolores County Sheriff and Ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County that:

- 1 Open fires are prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Dolores County except as here in after provided.
2. An "open fire" is any fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit, burn barrels and incinerators must have an adequate screen to restrict ash.
3. The ban on open fires shall continue in full force and effect at all times, but the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County based upon competent evidence may by resolution suspend said ban from time to time to the degree and manner consistent with existing wildfire dangers. Said Board may cancel such a suspension at any time by resolution. Such a suspension shall not constitute a repeal of this ordinance. This ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until specific repeal hereof.
4. Any person who knowingly causes an open fire in violation of this ordinance shall be punished as provided by 30-15-402, C.R.S. :
5. Because of the high wildfire danger, this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and shall be effective immediately upon adoption.
6. This fire ban shall apply to all unincorporated private lands within Dolores County, Colorado.

By order of the Dolores County Sheriff

May 1st 2018

