

Ridgway Rescinds Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, Reinstates Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Ridgway, CO – The Town of Ridgway is following the lead of Ouray County and several other agencies in rescinding “Stage 2” fire restrictions and reinstating “Stage 1” fire restrictions. Stage 2 fire restrictions will be rescinded effective 12:01 a.m., Friday, September 5, 2025, and Stage 1 fire restrictions will be reinstated at that same time.

Fire managers base decisions about fire restrictions on specific moisture measurements in vegetation and other risk factors such as predicted weather and current fire activity. Fire restrictions are often put into place and rescinded throughout the season, and it’s important for community members and visitors to always double-check if restrictions are in place, and when in doubt, DON’T BURN.

Please continue to do your part to help prevent wildfire and follow Stage 1 fire restrictions, which are as follows:

- All campfires and fires in open pits;
- All fires and burning of any kind or the burning of any material of any kind on public or private property within the Town, including all outdoor charcoal or wood grills, but shall not prohibit the use of propane grills on private property where the propane grill has an “on/off” switch so that the fuel can be turned off;
- Fireworks or the use of explosives;
- Smoking on public property, except in an enclosed vehicle or building;
- Disposal of any cigarette anywhere outdoors;
- Operating any chainsaw, except with a fire extinguisher and shovel kept within immediate reach;
- Welding or use of torch with open flame, unless inside an enclosed structure and as an allowable use in the zoning district.
- Other activities determined to be of high risk in creating a wildfire and potential for loss of life or significant damage to personal property.

For more information, please visit <https://townofridgway.colorado.gov/> or call 970-626-5308.

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