

## Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Implemented in Ridgway

Ridgway, CO – The Town of Ridgway is following the lead of Ouray County and several other agencies in implementing “Stage 1” fire restrictions that will take effect at 12:01 on June 15, 2022. The Town Manager has formally promulgated emergency restrictions on burning and fires within the Town and the restrictions shall remain in effect until modified or revoked by further order of the Ridgway Town Council.



Fire managers base decisions about fire restrictions on specific moisture measurements in vegetation and other risk factors such as predicted weather and amount of current fire activity. The following activities are currently prohibited in the Town of Ridgway:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire except in designated and signed campgrounds or developed recreation sites with provided fire grates;
- Open burning of any kind including burning of trash or debris, burning of ditches, open charcoal or wood fires
- 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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