

## Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Implemented in Ridgway

Ridgway, CO – The Town of Ridgway is following the lead of Ouray County in implementing “Stage 2” fire restrictions that will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. The Town Manager has formally enacted these 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.



The following activities are currently prohibited in the Town of Ridgway:

- NO OPEN FIRES.
- No campfires, charcoal grills, wood-burning stoves, chimineas, tiki torches, or any open flames, even at private homes or campgrounds.
- Gas grills or fire pits are allowed if they can be turned on and off and only in areas cleared of flammable materials.
- No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- No chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, unless it has a working spark arresting device.
- No welding or torches unless in a cleared area at least 10 feet wide and a pressurized fire extinguisher must be on hand.
- No off-road driving or parking. Vehicles must stay on established roads, trails or parking areas unless there is no vegetation within 10 feet of the parking area.
- No explosives or fireworks.

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.

Violations of these restrictions can be reported to the Ridgway Marshal’s Office at 970-626-5196 or by calling WestCo Dispatch at 970-249-9110.

For more fire-related information on Colorado’s Western Slope please visit:

<http://www.westslopefireinfo.com/>.

Community members and visitors are encouraged to sign-up for emergency notifications through Ouray County Alerts at <https://ouraycountyco.gov/434/Emergency-Notifications>.

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