

ORDINANCE 2025-15-7

TOWN OF BLUFF FIRE RESTRICTIONS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with record dry vegetation conditions and extreme fire danger throughout Utah, the State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands enacted a statewide Stage 1 fire restrictions for all State Lands and all private unincorporated lands;

WHEREAS, these State 1 fire restrictions became effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 28, 2025;

WHEREAS, Stage 1 restrictions include the following: (1) no open fires of any kind except within established public facilities or in permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present; (2) no smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation; (3) no fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices included exploding targets; (4) no cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation; and (5) no operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluff is an incorporated town and the private land within the town incorporated limits is not subject to the Order which is Order #UTCL02504;

WHEREAS, the Bluff town Council concerns with the need for fire restrictions and determines that the town should follow the public lands restrictions at this time but subject to review;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluff is protected from damage by fires by a volunteer fire department with limited resources;

WHEREAS, the Bluff Town Council previously imposed an Ordinance Imposing a Temporary Ban on the Discharge of Fireworks Within the Town (Ordinance 2020-1-7) and now affirms that Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town determines that the safety and welfare of the residents and visitors is paramount and that Stage 1 fire restrictions should be implemented immediately.

THEREFORE, the Town of Bluff enacts the following fire restrictions consistent with Stage 1 restrictions:

- (1) No open fires except within established public facilities in improved campgrounds, picnic areas or in permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present.

- (2) No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
- (3) No fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets.
- (4) No cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
- (5) No operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.
- (6) The Town of Bluff Ordinance Imposing a Temporary Ban on the discharge of Fireworks Within the Town of Bluff (Ordinance 2020-1-7) is hereby affirmed in its entirety.

The following persons are exempted from the above provisions:

- (1) Person with a permit or waiver by the Town, specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the permittee of liability a fire does occur.
- (2) Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Area Description: All land within the incorporated town of Bluff limits.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Effective upon approval.

APPROVED BY THE BLUFF TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS 15th DAY OF JULY, 2025 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ann K. Leppanen	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Davila	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Hook	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Hornsby	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Sosa	<u>X</u>	___	___	___



 Mayor Ann K. Leppanen

Attest: 

 Town Recorder Linda Sosa



SPENCER J. COX
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JOEL FERRY
Executive Director

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

JAMIE BARNES
State Forester/Director

ORDER # UTCLO2504

Fire Restriction Order (Stage 1)

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the record dry vegetation conditions and extreme fire danger throughout Utah, the State Forester has determined that measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of forest and rangeland fires. Therefore, pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the following acts (also known as "Stage 1 Fire Restrictions") are prohibited in the areas described below until rescinded by the Utah State Forester:

1. No open fires of any kind except within established facilities in improved campgrounds or day-use areas on **public lands**. -OR- in permanently constructed fire pits at **permanent private dwellings** served by pressurized running water.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
3. Cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
4. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.
5. Discharging or using fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnics devices including exploding targets.

*The fire restriction NECL02502 will be unchanged and will remain in effect until rescinded.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. Persons with a permit or waiver issued by the Division, specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the permittee of liability if a fire does occur.
2. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Area Description: All state lands -AND- all unincorporated private lands within the state of Utah.

This order does not affect private lands within incorporated towns or city limits.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. These restrictions will be enforced by county law enforcement.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., 28th day of June, 2025

Brett Ostler

Brett Ostler (Jun 26, 2025 13:47 MDT)

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer

Jamie Barnes

Jamie Barnes (Jun 26, 2025 14:00 MDT)

Jamie Barnes, State Forester

