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COUNTY-WIDE STAGE 1 BURN BAN IN EFFECT

The following acts are **PROHIBITED** on **ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY** until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using open burning or an open fire as defined in Section 5.f. of County Ordinance 21-04, except on Forest Service land in developed camping areas with fire rings.
2. Target shooting and recreational shooting is prohibited, including the Forestry areas. The only exception to this will be the Como shooting range. POSTED RANGE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
3. Blasting, or other activities, which generate flame or flammable material.
4. Outdoor hot work without a pressurized water system or at least a 7lb. ABC or 2 ½ gallon pressurized or equivalent fire extinguisher, and large size pointed shovel readily available for quick use.
5. Fireworks and model rocketry.
6. Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
7. Operating a chain saw without a pressurized water system or at least a 7lb ABC or 2 ½ gallon pressurized or equivalent fire extinguisher, and large size pointed shovel readily available for quick use.

Exceptions:

1. Persons with a written exemption from their District Fire Chief that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Approved fully contained outdoor wood burning furnace/boiler.
5. For commercial operations authorized under contract or permit, internal and external combustion engines may be operated as approved by the Forest Service within designated areas.
6. Licensed hunters that are **actively pursuing game**.
7. Target and recreational shooting with LEAD ONLY is permitted on private property when the owner or lessee of such private property, or the owner or lessee's employee, is present and supervising.

The primary concern is that numerous fire districts have sent crews to assist in fighting the fires in the Denver area. Currently there are three fires. The Quarry Fire in Jefferson County, the Alexander Mountain Fire in Loveland and the Stone Canyon Fire in Lyons which has now caused the death of one person. Fire districts are stretched extremely thin at this time and we need to be as diligent as possible.

Please abide by the County Ordinance 21-04. Citations for violations will start at \$500 and increase to \$1000.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sheriff Tom McGraw