



CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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PROCEDURES FOR BURNING

Gunnison County and Emergency Response Agencies have been over-extended by "Controlled Burns" getting out of control. This condition has necessitated the initiation of an ordinance concerning burning.

All burns must be called into Gunnison Communications at 641-8200 prior to ignition and upon completion of burning. Gunnison Communications will be able to advise you if a burn ban or Red Flag Day exists. Burning will not be allowed if a ban or dangerous conditions exist. Inversion conditions should also be avoided to lessen effects on air quality.

Failure to report these burns will lead to billing from emergency responders when they respond to a controlled burn.

Burning shall be supervised by one or more responsible persons, depending on the type of burning. Larger fires may require closer supervision to eliminate the possibility of fire spreading beyond control. Precautions shall be taken to localize the burning and shall in no way pose a fire hazard to persons or property within or adjacent to the area of burning.

It is the responsibility of the fire owner to insure an adequate water source is available to extinguish the fire completely before leaving.

Slash piles should be as dirt-free as possible, and after burn out should be scattered to ensure no embers exist. Fires have started several months after burn piles were thought to be burned out.

The responsibility of containment rests solely with the person owning the fire, and the liability for damage caused to adjacent properties is also the responsibility of the owner of the fire.

EXEMPT FROM REQUIRED CALL-IN ARE CAMPFIRE, BAR-B-QUE AND SMALL FIRES (6 ft. or less in diameter) IN RECOGNIZED CONTAINMENT

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONTROLLED BURNS IN GUNNISON COUNTY

Please use the following guidelines when requesting a controlled, supervised open burn:

1. Call Gunnison Dispatch at **641-8200** and ask if there is a “Burn Ban” or “Red Flag” warning in effect.
2. If there is not a “Burn Ban” or “Red Flag” warning in effect, then inform dispatch that you want to have a controlled, supervised open burn.
3. Provide Gunnison Dispatch with the following information:
 - a. The location and address of the burn
 - b. The person responsible for the burn
 - c. The person supervising the burn
 - d. The time the fire is to be ignited
 - e. The time the fire will be **fully extinguished**
 - f. A callback phone number for the **responsible** and **supervising** persons
4. All burns shall be fully extinguished by the time stated!

Please see the attached information from Gunnison County concerning procedures and guidelines for safe burning.

****MAKE A PHONE CALL AND BE INFORMED BEFORE YOU BURN****