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Sheriff Taylor Reminds Public Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Still in Place

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor reminds the public that Pueblo County remains under Stage 1 fire restrictions.

“As people prepare for the Memorial Day weekend, I want to remind everyone the fire danger remains high in Pueblo County and restrictions are still in place,” said Taylor. “Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit open burning, with the exception of charcoal grills and fires and campfires created in developed camp and picnic grounds.”

Stage 1 restrictions also prohibit the sale or use of fireworks without a permit and outdoor smoking except inside a vehicle or stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barre of all flammable materials. Violations of the fire restrictions can result in fines and mandatory court appearances.

Taylor, in consultation with county fire chiefs, implemented the Stage 1 restrictions on March 25 due to the ongoing dry conditions and high fire danger in the region. Taylor also has been monitoring conditions and reviewing fire activity in the area. Other fire restriction guidelines taken into consideration in making the decision to impose fire restrictions are the fire danger rating is at a very high or extreme level, the area is receiving a high occurrence of human-caused fires or the human caused risk is predicted to increase, the fire weather conditions and risk which are predicated to continue due to weather forecast not showing any significant moisture in the near future.

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