# **UTAH INTERAGENCY FIRE**



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# **Utah Returns to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**

Utah — Recent monsoonal moisture has brought much-needed relief across the state, temporarily reducing wildfire danger. As conditions improve, fire officials will scale back restrictions from Stage 2 to Stage 1 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025. These restrictions apply to all state and private unincorporated lands in Utah.

Federally managed lands in Utah, including the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management, will also return to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. BLM and NPS managed lands in Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Washington counties will enter Stage 1 Fire Restrictions beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025.

Note: Incorporated cities and towns are exempt. Check with local fire departments or county fire wardens for local regulations.

# Why restrictions after rain?

"After the rains, our lands breathe easier. With restrictions eased for Labor Day, let's enjoy safely and responsibly. Use your Fire Sense," said Brett Ostler.

Chris Delaney, BLM Utah State Fire Management Officer, added:

"Recent rainfall has brought some relief to Utah's lower-elevation rangelands, but these fuels can dry quickly. While restrictions can be eased slightly, continued caution is needed to protect communities and landscapes."

"We want to remind the public that it's still fire season in Utah" stated Zeph Cunningham, the Acting Intermountain Region Fire Director. "Even with these decreased restrictions, we ask everyone to take every precaution to prevent human-caused fires and alleviate the work on our fire resources."

## Who is in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions?

#### State of Utah

All state and private unincorporated lands (Includes Trust Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife Management Areas)

#### **Bureau of Land Management**

- Color Country District
- Canyon Country District
- Green River District
- Paria River District
- West Desert District

#### **U.S. Forest Service**

- Ashley National Forest
- Dixie National Forest
- Fishlake National Forest
- Manti-La Sal National Forest
- Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

#### **National Park Service**

Year-round fire restrictions are always in effect for all National Park units.

Please check with each individual park for the most current fire restriction information.

## What is NOT Allowed during Stage 1 Fire Restrictions?

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are largely consistent across land management agencies, though some differences exist between jurisdictions and specific management areas. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visitors should consult the website of the agency or recreation site they plan to visit or visit <a href="UtahFireInfo.gov">UtahFireInfo.gov</a>. In general, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions include the following:

- Campfires and open fires are not allowed outside of approved campgrounds and homesites without running water.
- Fireworks and pyrotechnics are banned outside of city limits and on public lands, with fireworks always prohibited on federally managed lands in Utah.
- Shooting of exploding targets, tracer ammunition, or incendiary rounds is not permitted.
- Metalworking (cutting, grinding, welding) in dry vegetation areas is prohibited.
- Operating equipment without a spark arrestor including a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine equipment.
- Smoking near vegetation or outside of developed recreation sites, personal vehicles, or buildings is not allowed.

## Allowable campfires during Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Campfires are allowed only in the following places:

- In established fire rings or grills at improved campgrounds or designated day-use areas on State Parks, BLM-managed lands, National Park Service sites, and all National Forests.
- Campfires are allowed at Glen Canyon in established campgrounds, only in designated fire rings and only in areas free of vegetation below the high-water mark.
- In permanent fire pits at private homes located on unincorporated state lands, if the home has pressurized running water.

### **Fire Prevention**

Utah is experiencing multiple complex wildfires and critically high fire danger in 2025. Please help protect our communities, public lands, and our nation's firefighters who work tirelessly on the front lines by practicing <a href="Fire Sense">Fire Sense</a>, a shared responsibility to prevent human-caused wildfires. Whether you're camping, driving, or enjoying the outdoors, please recreate responsibly and do your part to reduce wildfire risk.

## **Stay Informed**

Agency-specific fire restrictions may vary. Please check the fire restrictions page for agency-specific orders and maps at UtahFireInfo.gov or visit the managing agency's website for detailed information.

Prevention & Safety Resources: www.UtahFireSense.org

Current Wildfire Updates: Follow @UtahWildfire on social media

National Fire Information: www.nifc.gov

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Stay safe and help protect Utah's public lands from human-caused wildfire.

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