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Manitou Springs Moves to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – Because of recent weather activity that has resulted in increased precipitation, Manitou Springs Fire Chief, John K. Forsett, is ordering Manitou Springs to move from Stage 2 to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, effective immediately. These restrictions are in alignment with El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs.

Chief Forsett commented on the decision, stating “I am thankful and want to recognize the extensive cooperation with members of the Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness Group (PPRWPG). The thoughtful data analysis and local and regional opinion of resource availability shared by members of the PPRWPG is invaluable.”

Stage 1 Restrictions are defined as follows:

1. Open fires and open burning are prohibited, except for fires in permanently constructed fire rings within the city's RV and camping parks; private residential charcoal grills and smokers, wood burning fireplaces (chiminea), or fire pits, provided they have proper fitting screen covers and they are separated by at least 15-feet from structures or other combustible material.
2. Outdoor smoking of any tobacco product or similar material in cigarettes, cigars, or pipes is prohibited, except that smoking is permitted within 15 feet of a city-approved disposal receptacle at city approved locations. Discarding lighted cigarettes, cigars or pipe tobacco products outdoors, other than in a city-approved receptacle is also prohibited.

These restrictions do not apply to gas-fueled grills used out-of-doors, or to fires within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves. Additionally, compliant fireplaces and wood-burning stoves within private residences are not included.

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