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Roy Romer
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BAN ON OPEN BURNING IN DESIGNATED AREAS OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, summer and autumn traditionally are periods of high forest and brush fire activity in Colorado;

WHEREAS, open burning can be a prime cause of forest and brush fires in Colorado;

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme fire hazard now exist in certain parts of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the County Sheriffs of Colorado and the Colorado State Forest Service, in consultation with the United States Forest Service, the Colorado Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, have requested an immediate ban on open burning in certain areas of Colorado;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of Colorado, including specifically C.R.S. 23-30-308, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. Open burning is prohibited in the following designated areas of Colorado:

The counties of Archuleta, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Delores, Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, La Plata, Lake, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Miguel, San Juan, and Summit.

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2. For purposes of this order, "open burning" shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fused explosives, or the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, trash, and debris.

This order excludes fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, fireplaces within buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences, and permanent fire pits or fire grates located on developed picnic grounds and campgrounds.

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3. The burning of irrigation ditches in the designated areas is also prohibited by this order EXCEPT for ditches located within and completely surrounded by irrigated farmlands where such burning is necessary for crop survival and specific written approval has been granted in advance by the sheriff of the respective county.
4. Because sparks and hot ashes from any source contribute to fire hazard, smoking outside incorporated city limits is strongly discouraged EXCEPT within an enclosed motor vehicle, building, or developed picnic grounds and campgrounds.
5. Pursuant to Section 23-30-306, C.R.S., this order shall be enforced by the sheriffs of the respective counties or by the administering agencies of the federal lands located therein. An exemption to this order shall be granted only by the sheriff of the respective county, or within federal lands by the administering federal agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by said sheriff or agency to be safe or mitigable.
6. These restrictions on open burning in Colorado shall be in effect beginning 8:01 a.m. on June 27, 1990, and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by Executive Order.

Given under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado this
26th day of June, 1990.



Roy Romer
Governor

