
Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in Lake County, Colo.

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LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Office of Sheriff Heath Speckman

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Lake County, Colo. – Lake County Sheriff Heath Speckman implemented Stage 2 Fire Restrictions for Lake County effective immediately due to continued dry conditions and elevated wildfire risk. These restrictions are designed to protect our community, natural resources, and emergency responders. Lake County has met the established criteria standards utilized by the U.S. Forest Service for implementing Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. These restrictions are in effect until further notice.

What is NOT allowed under Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

- NO open fires of any kind, including campfires, fire pits, and charcoal grills
- NO agricultural burning or yard debris burning
- NO use of fireworks (including permissible fireworks)
- NO smoking outdoors, except inside an enclosed vehicle or building
- NO welding or activities that produce open sparks or flames without proper mitigation and permits

What IS allowed

- Use of liquid-fueled or gas stoves/grills (propane, butane) with a shut-off valve, when used responsibly
- Activities conducted in a permanent structure designed to contain flames

Enforcement

Violations of Stage 2 Fire Restrictions will be enforced. Penalties are as follows:

- **First Offense:** \$250 fine
- **Second Offense:** \$500 fine
- **Third Offense:** \$1,000 fine

Additional charges and liability for suppression costs may apply if your actions result in wildfire.

Help us protect Lake County

Wildfires can start quickly and spread rapidly under current conditions. Your cooperation is critical in keeping our community safe. If you see smoke or suspicious activity, please report it immediately by calling the Lake County Emergency Communication Center at [719-486-1249](tel:719-486-1249).

Stay up to date with current restrictions and information through official county channels.

Together, we can prevent wildfires.

Blue handwritten signature of Sheriff Heath Speckman

Sheriff Heath Speckman

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