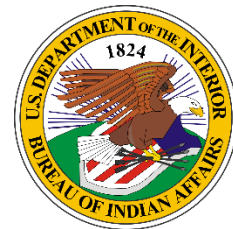


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Interagency Fire Managers rescind fire restrictions across portions of Southwest Utah and northern Arizona

ST. GEORGE, Utah - Due to recent rainfall and lower fire danger conditions, interagency fire managers are rescinding Stage 1 Fire Restrictions beginning August 30 at 12:01 a.m. on all federal, unincorporated Private, and State lands in Iron, Beaver, Kane, Garfield, and Washington counties (excluding unincorporated Private and State lands in Washington county and Zion National Park), all Arizona State Lands north of the Grand Canyon, NPS lands within Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, and all BLM-managed public lands within the Arizona Strip District in Arizona. Incorporated cities and towns are not included. Please contact your local fire department or county fire warden for specific private land fire restrictions.

The monsoonal moisture has affected some areas more than others in SW Utah and NW Arizona. This moisture is allowing fire officials to remove fire restrictions in some areas while in other areas fire restrictions remain unchanged. Where fire restrictions have been lifted and visitors are now allowed to build campfires and use charcoal grills, wildfire is always a risk. Caution should be exercised in using fire especially following periods of higher temperatures and/or winds as these conditions dry fuels rapidly and can contribute to rapid fire spread as evidenced by recent fire starts. Visitors are encouraged to use appropriate methods to contain fires, build them in areas free of vegetation, and to be certain that fires are completely extinguished before leaving unattended. Additionally, permits for outdoor debris burning are still required on all unincorporated private and state lands during the closed fire season (June 1 to October 31). Burning permits may be obtained via the County Fire Wardens.

While Fire Restrictions remain in effect on unincorporated Private and State lands in Washington county and in Zion National Park, the following acts are prohibited:

- No campfires or open fires outside of agency improved and maintained campgrounds and homesites in southwest Utah. Running water is required on cabins or homesites on unincorporated private land. Devices fueled by liquid petroleum are allowed.
- No discharging of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices outside of incorporated city limits or on public lands (city-specific restrictions may apply). Fireworks are always prohibited on all federal lands.
- No shooting of exploding targets or tracer ammunition.
- No cutting, grinding, or welding of metal in areas of dry vegetation. This includes acetylene torches.
- No use of equipment without a working and properly maintained spark arrestor (if required).
- No smoking near vegetation or outside of a developed recreation site, personal vehicle, or building.
- No open fires of any kind are allowed in Zion National Park's Watchman Campground (Stage 2 Fire Restrictions).
- Campfires are allowed in agency improved and maintained campgrounds at Lava Point.

Please be aware that fire restrictions will be slightly different among agencies and these restrictions do not apply to incorporated cities. Please check the specific fire restrictions with the respective land management agency before visiting.

Local, state, and federal fire officials urge Utahns to use their 'Fire Sense' to help prevent unwanted wildfires. 'Fire Sense' is an interagency fire awareness campaign that was implemented in 2021 to increase public knowledge on how to prevent wildland fires. For more information on preventing unwanted human caused wildfires, agency-specific restrictions, and reference maps, visit www.utahfiresense.org, www.utahfireinfo.gov and www.wildlandfire.az.gov or follow us on Twitter, [@UtahWildfire](https://twitter.com/UtahWildfire).

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