Due to extreme dry and hazardous fire conditions, effective Friday, June 29, 2012 all of the wildland and foothill areas including (incorporated areas of Salem City) in and around the area of Water Canyon are closed to open burning and fireworks of any kind until further notice.

Accordingly, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire or stove fire except in developed recreational sites, or possessing or using pyrotechnic devices is strictly prohibited. This closure is in addition to restrictions imposed by United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and by Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands on all Federal and State lands.

An alternate area to discharge fireworks for those closed areas is the parking lot at the Loafer Recreation complex located at 600 East Canal Road.

THIS MEANS THAT:

1. All open fires of any kind are strictly prohibited except in approved fire structures. This closure shall include, but is not limited to, open burning, campfires, cooking fires, and charcoal barbeques.

2. Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreational site or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

3. Possessing or discharging fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices on these lands is prohibited. Most wildfires that occur around July 4th and 24th holidays are related to fireworks.

Open burning is defined as burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber.

A campfire is defined as a fire not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a motor vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or esthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal grills.

A stove is defined as a campfire built inside an enclosed stove or grill, a portable brazier, or a pressurized liquid or gas stove including a space heating device. Stoves solely fueled by Coleman® type fuels or LPG fuels are exempt from the restrictions.

Any violation of this restriction would be a class B misdemeanor and punishable by up to a $1,000.00 fine and/or up to 6 months in Jail.

If you have any questions, please contact the city office at 801-423-2770.

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Salem City Fire Chief