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State Forester Issues Fire Restriction Order in Summit County

Fireworks banned in County; Exceptions allowed for professional firework shows and fires in improved pits

Coalville, UT (July 3, 2018) – The State Forester has issued a Fire Restriction Order in Summit County, restricting all open burns, including the use of all fireworks, cutting, grinding and welding. Cigarette smoking is also restricted, unless smoking takes place in an area clear of vegetation. Exceptions will be made for campfires burning in an improved fire pit, which includes any enclosure built in the ground. Fires are also allowed in pits purchased from hardware stores. Strictly prohibited are campfires in manmade rock rings. Firework shows with issued permits, such as those sponsored by cities and towns, will still be allowed.

The Fire Restriction Order, which went into effect Tuesday morning, will remain in place until further notice. The Order was issued after a new fire outlook report issued Monday indicated worsened conditions, resulting in increased fire risk, as well as current fire activity and resources committed.

To learn more about what qualifies as an improved fire pit and how to protect your home from wildfire visit summitcounty.org/firewarden.

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About Summit County:

Located in the northeast corner of Utah along the Wasatch Back, Summit County is home to more than 41,000 residents. Created in 1854, Summit County was named for the summits of the mountains, including 39 of the highest mountain peaks in Utah. Six municipalities make up Summit County, including Coalville, Francis, Henefer, Kamas, Oakley and Park City. The county seat is quiet, scenic Coalville, located on the I-80 corridor. For more information visit www.summitcounty.org.

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