

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

High Fire Danger Prompts Fire and Fireworks Restrictions

Payson – June 22, 2026

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in Payson City, the Fire Chief has determined measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of wildland fires. Effective 12:01a.m., Tuesday June 23, 2026, the following Stage 2 restrictions have been implemented:

Fires:

NO OPEN FIRES OF ANY KIND in the following areas:

All of the wildland, canyon, foothill areas, and any lands used for agricultural purposes including all incorporated areas of Payson City and everything south and east starting on south Main Street north to 1150 south, east to Payson Canyon Road, north to 800 South, east to 600 East, north to 400 South, east to Goosenest Drive and continuing to Gladstan Golf Course. Areas east, south, and west of the Strawberry Highline Canal including areas in and around Payson Solid Waste Land Fill and Payson Canyon Park. Payson Canyon Kiwanis Park is included in the restrictions. These areas are closed to fires and fireworks of any kind until further notice.

THIS MEANS THAT:

1. All open fires of any kind are strictly prohibited. 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 that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
3. Possessing or discharging fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices, including exploding targets on these lands is prohibited.
4. Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
5. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other Small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.
6. Fireworks of any kind.

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. LPG fire pits are exempt from these restrictions.

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.

A map of the restricted area can be seen at www.paysonutah.gov or from our office.

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.

Exemptions during Stage 2 restrictions:

1. Person(s) with a waiver issued by the Payson City Fire Marshal, specifically authorizing a specific action at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the person(s) of liability if a fire does occur.
2. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 801-465-5252.

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