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Press Release  
*\*\*\*For Immediate Release\*\*\**

**Who:** Provo Fire & Rescue

**What:** Open Fire and Fireworks Restrictions

**When:** Effective June 25, 2015

**Where:** Provo City, Provo City Watershed

**Why:** Low Fuel Moisture Content, Increased Fire Risk

**How:** By Order and Provo City Ordinance

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**\*\*\*Synopsis\*\*\***

Effective immediately, Provo Fire & Rescue has issued an open fire restriction for the foothills on the east bench and all areas of the Provo City watershed including South Fork. These restrictions are implemented due to the high fuel levels in the foothills and the decreasing fuel moisture content.

Fires are restricted to established fire pits in improved parks and campgrounds. Open fires, except in designated fire pits in improved parks and campgrounds, are prohibited in Rock Canyon, Slate Canyon, all foothills along the eastern border of the city, and in the Provo City watershed in South Fork. All restricted areas have been posted. Violations of this restriction will be prosecuted as a Class B Misdemeanor.

Fire Marshal Lynn Schofield states: “We realize that part of the allure of summer is sitting around a fire enjoying time with friends and family. We believe with the current fuel and predictable drying conditions that these fire restrictions allow a balance between responsible use of our outdoor resources and the reduction of the risk of a catastrophic fire.”

In addition, Provo Fire & Rescue reminds all residents and guests that the open fireworks discharge window is approaching. **Fireworks may not be discharged until July 1.** As in years past, there is a discharge restricted area where fireworks may not be discharged at any time. To view a map of the Fireworks Discharge Restricted areas please visit: [maps.provo.org/downloads/\*\*Fireworks\\_Restrictions\*\*.pdf](https://maps.provo.org/downloads/Fireworks_Restrictions.pdf)

Open discharge dates are from July 1 through July 7 and July 21 through July 27. Discharge of fireworks outside of the *open discharge window* or in the *discharge restricted area* will be prosecuted as a Class B Misdemeanor.

Individuals and families who reside in the Discharge Restricted Area are invited, and encouraged, to use one of the following parks to discharge their consumer fireworks.

Provost Park – 629 South 1000 East

Kiwanis Park – 820 North 1100 East

Sertoma Park – 400 East 2400 North

Exchange Park – 900 North 700 West

Fort Utah Park – 200 North Geneva Road

Footprinters Park – 1150 South 1350 West

Fireworks may be discharged from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm except July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> when discharge must end by midnight. Discharge of fireworks outside of the discharge times will be cited as an infraction.

According to Fire Marshal Lynn Schofield: “We have done our best to partner with Provo Parks and Recreation to provide safe places to discharge fireworks for those who live in the Discharge Restricted Areas. We know that our citizens by and large are very responsible in the use of their fireworks. We hope that everyone will use common sense, and the options that we have provided to help us ensure a safe – fire free holiday.”