



BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS – UTE INDIAN TRIBE



**2017 FIRE RESTRICTION ORDER**  
for the  
**UINTAH AND OURAY INDIAN RESERVATION**

Pursuant to Title 25 CFR §163.28 The Secretary is authorized to conduct a wildfire prevention program to reduce the number of person-caused fires and prevent damage to natural resources on Indian land.

**WHEREAS**, The Business Committee of the Ute Indian Tribe has Authority under the constitution and By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1, (I), to safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals and general welfare of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation by regulating the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the Reservation, provided that any ordinance directly affecting nonmembers of the Reservation shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

**CONDITIONS:**

The Ute Indian Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation concurrently deem fire conditions on lands and in timber reserves to be extremely hazardous, constituting a threat to life, property, and the Tribe's natural resources.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Setting, building, maintaining, attending or using open fires of any kind, EXCEPT campfires built within developed and improved campgrounds, picnic areas or permanently improved places of habitation.
2. Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition, exploding targets or other pyrotechnic devices.
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and effective working order.
4. Cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of vegetation.

**PERMISSIBLE ACTS:**

1. Devices fueled by petroleum or liquid propane gas with a shut-off valve are allowed in areas clear of flammable vegetation.
2. Charcoal burning is allowed in developed campgrounds or picnic grounds within permanent fire rings or grills. Extinguish with water when unattended.
3. Smoking is allowed in areas clear of flammable vegetation. Cigarettes and matches must be properly extinguished before disposed of.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

4. Any recognized federal or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.
5. Any religious leaders involved with a cultural or religious event.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

This restriction applies to all lands located within the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation.

**EFFECTIVE:**

June 29, 2017 12:00 a.m. until rescinded.

Concurred, Superintendent, Uintah and Ouray Agency

6-26-17  
Date

Approved, Chairman, Ute Indian Tribe

6-26-17  
Date