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## BLM-Utah West Desert District Rescinds Fire Restriction

**West Valley City, Utah** – Campfires, smoking and cutting or welding metal are no longer restricted on BLM-administered lands in Box Elder, Rich, Tooele, Salt Lake and Utah Counties. Current moisture and cooler weather has reduced the fire danger.

Kevin Oliver, West Desert District Manager, said, “The fire danger was greatly decreased by this storm and there is a high likelihood that it also signals the end of our main fire season.” Oliver continued, “Drier and warmer weather is expected next week so we do ask you to go prepared to prevent wildfires when visiting the West Desert.” Always take a shovel, fire extinguisher and extra water in the event of a fire emergency.

The following year-round fire restrictions will remain in effect under Fire Prevention Order #UTW002-17-01:

1. Target shooting of steel ammunition, including steel cores, tips or jackets from June 15-September 30 each year.
2. Use or possession of exploding targets.
3. Use of sky lanterns or aerial luminaries.
4. Use of any tracer or incendiary ammunition.
5. Use of any Off Road Vehicle (ORV) that is not equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arrestor.

Go to [Utahfireinfo.gov](http://Utahfireinfo.gov) to view fire restrictions and for more information on wildfire in Utah.

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## FIRE PREVENTION ORDER ORDER NUMBER UTW002-17-01

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 9212.2(a), the following restrictions are in effect for lands managed by the BLM West Desert District within the counties of Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, Rich, and Box Elder.

It is the policy of the Bureau of Land Management to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands and the resources and improvements thereon through the prevention of wildfires. Wherever possible, the Bureau of Land Management's actions will complement and support State and local wildfire prevention actions. 43 U.S.C. § 9212.0-6

**Under Title 43 CFR § 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above described public lands.**

### Prohibited Acts:

1. Use of any steel core, jacketed, and tipped ammunition of any caliber **between June 15 and September 30** each year.
2. Use of any tracer or incendiary ammunition of any caliber.
3. Possession or use of any kind of explosives, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnics or fireworks, or exploding targets.
4. Use of any Sky Lanterns, Chinese Lanterns, Fire Balloons, Acetylene Balloons or similar device.
5. Use of any Off Road Vehicle (ORV) that is **not** equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arrestor. Spark arresters shall meet the 80 percent efficiency level standard when determined by the appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335 and J350. Refer to Title 43 CFR §8343.1.

### Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR § 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.

**An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the activity listed in exemption 2.**

### Penalties:

Pursuant to Title 43 § 9212.0-5, 9212.1 and 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at § 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months, or both. Restitution for total fire suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.

**This order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 23, 2016, and will remain in force until rescinded. This order supersedes all previous orders.**

Prepared in West Valley City, Utah on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2016.

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