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Mayor

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July 31, 2024

To All Town of Hotchkiss Residents:

Due to the drought and extremely dry conditions, The Town of Hotchkiss is implementing Stage 1 Fire Ban restrictions effective July 31, 2024.

THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL START IMMEDIATELY AND REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL RESCINDED.

The Stage 1 Restrictions prohibit the following activities in conjunction with the Town of Hotchkiss ORDINANCE 2018-04

PROHIBITED:

- 1) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood burning stove, any type of charcoal fueled broiler or open fire of any type in undeveloped areas, such as vacant lots or open space.
- 2) Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable vegetation.
- 3) Using explosive materials: (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material.)
- 4) Welding or operating an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame.
- 5) Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.
- 6) No agricultural burning of any type.

ALLOWED ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Welding in a safe manner in an area void of combustible material within ten (10) feet and while possessing a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.
- 2) Fire within a permanent fire pit, ring or BBQ grill at a private residence that is completely void of combustible material on the ground.
- 3) Use of residential fire features such as a chiminea, tiki torches or gas fire pits when supervised by a responsible adult.

Thank you, we appreciate your consideration and attention to the Stage 1 Fire Ban.

Sincerely,

Jim Wingfield, Mayor and
Town of Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

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