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News Release

For Immediate Release

Subject: FIRE RESTRICTIONS
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Effective as of 12:01 AM, on Saturday, June 23, 2007, the Grand Junction Fire Department, under the authority of the Fire Chief, is supporting the fire restrictions placed in effect by the Mesa County Sheriff's Office & BLM (Bureau of Land Management). All agencies agree the restrictions are needed to keep our communities safe. These restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded. This includes the City of Grand Junction along with the Rural Fire Protection District and area's covered by BLM and Mesa County.

The continuing high to extreme fire hazard conditions around the Grand Valley and the fires that have already occurred make these restrictions necessary. The Grand Junction Fire Department would like to stress the importance of outdoor fire safety during these hot, dry conditions. The following restrictions apply:

- **Setting fire to any grass, wood or any other combustible material outside of an enclosed home**
- **Burning any solid fuels except by written authorization or in campgrounds or developed recreation sites where fire rings or grates are provided**
- **Improperly discarding smoking materials including but not limited to cigarette butts and matches**

THE GRAND JUNCTION FIRE DEPARTMENT CANNOT RELEASE, TRANSFER, PROVIDE ACCESS TO, OR REVEAL ANY PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH THE ABOVE INCIDENT DUE TO OUR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO PROTECT PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY.

- Use of explosives requiring fuse blasting caps
- The operation of chain saws without an approved spark arrester
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame
- Use of fireworks

Professional fireworks displays are allowed on a permitted basis. The 4th of July fireworks display at Lincoln Park will be conducted as scheduled. We encourage people to enjoy the professional displays and keep our communities safe.

THE PROPER USE OF CHARCOAL AND GAS FIRE GRILLS ORDINARILY USED FOR HOME PREPARATION OF MEALS IS STILL ALLOWED. (MUST BE IN A GRILL NOT IN A PIT ON THE GROUND)

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