

ORDER OF THE FIRE CHIEF NO. 02-25

Pursuant to GJMC 15.44.040.307.1.3, the Fire Chief did declare a Stage 1 Fire Restriction in the City of Grand Junction effective 12:01 AM on June 27, 2025. Conditions have changed such that the Fire Chief rescinds the Order and replaces it with a separate order declaring Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in the City of Grand Junction effective at 12:01 AM on August 15, 2025.

Pursuant to GJMC 15.44.040.307.1.3, and in conjunction with an Order of the Mesa County Sheriff, the Fire Chief finds that local conditions deem it necessary to declare a Stage 2 Fire Restriction in the City of Grand Junction effective 12:01 AM on August 15, 2025. The restrictions are necessary due to low moisture content of vegetation, weather outlooks, and human risk factors. Conditions will continue to be monitored and restrictions will be adjusted when conditions change and the Fire Chief issues further order(s).

The following acts are PROHIBITED with a Stage 2 Fire Restriction:

Parking or driving a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails, or established parking areas unless the parking area has no vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle.

Building, maintaining, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal grill, coal, wood-burning stove, shepherd's stove, tiki torches, fire pits, and chimineas including in developed picnic, camping areas, and at private residences.

The use of ANY fireworks.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible and flammable materials.

Any unpermitted use of fire to burn debris or vegetation.

Shooting tracer rounds or explosive type targets or the use of explosives including fuses, blasting caps, and rockets.

Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame EXCEPT in cleared areas of at least 10 ft in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher.

Operating an internal combustion engine such as a chainsaw, generator or ATV, without a spark arresting device installed and working properly. Chainsaws also have to be operated with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and a shovel nearby.

Violation(s) of this order shall be punishable in accordance with GJMC 1.04.09, state law, and/or federal law.



Matt Smith
Public Safety Chief