

ORDER OF THE FIRE CHIEF NO. 03-25

Pursuant to GJMC 15.44.040.307.1.3, the Fire Chief did declare a Stage 2 Fire Restriction in the City of Grand Junction effective 12:01 AM on August 15, 2025. Conditions have changed such that the Fire Chief rescinds the Order and replaces it with a separate order declaring Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in the City of Grand Junction effective at 12:01 AM on September 5, 2020.

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 1 Fire Restriction in the City of Grand Junction effective 12:01 AM on September 5, 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 1 Fire Restriction:

The personal use of all fireworks.

Any fire or campfire, not within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground, private residence, or picnic area.

Open burning of yard waste, open fields or similar materials except for agricultural burns with a Mesa County Sheriff's Office issued burn permit.

The use of explosive targets.

Smoking, EXCEPT within an enclosed vehicle or building where smoking is otherwise allowed, a developed recreation site as allowed by law, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material and smoking is otherwise allowed by law.

Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.

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

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