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San Juan County Fire Department asks public to delay any open burning

Prolonged drought conditions, warm temperatures, and increasing fire danger have prompted the San Juan County Fire Department to consider implementing fire restrictions in the near future. Temperature and precipitation outlooks for the next 90 days call for above average temperatures and below average precipitation in the Four Corners Region. This will worsen the already high fire danger in San Juan County. Any Fire Restrictions implemented will be done in coordination with local, state and federal partners.

For the time being, the San Juan County Fire Department would highly encourage the public to delay any open burning until environmental conditions improve. In the event you do need to burn, extreme caution needs to be exercised. The likelihood of a lone ember starting a spot fire has dramatically increased because the grasses and other fine fuels that carry fire are completely cured. Even light winds under these conditions can rapidly spread a wildland fire.

The public is reminded that before you burn in San Juan County you must call to obtain a burn permit. The City of Farmington, Aztec and Bloomfield also require a burn permit be obtained before you burn. In San Juan County, call 334-1180 M-F 7:00am – 5:30pm and on 334-6622 weekends. There is no cost for a burn permit in San Juan County. The following rules must be considered at all times:

1. You can burn vegetative material only
2. You are responsible for being aware of the weather conditions
3. Your fire must be 50 ft away from any structure or powerline
4. You must have water available for immediate use
5. NEVER leave your fire unattended
6. Call 911 immediately if your fire gets out of control

Persons failing to follow these rules or have fire escape their control may be subject to a misdemeanor citation. Additionally, if your fire escapes your property and damages other private property you could be subject to Civil Liability.

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