



# Open Burning Permit

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact the local dispatch 970-385-2900 prior to lighting the burn

## Applicant Information:

Address of Burn: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

## Information Regarding Burn:

Proximity in Feet to Structures (minimum 50ft): \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Burn: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Material to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Area/Material to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Piles should be limited to 4' x 4', material can be added as the pile decreases in size\**

Proposed Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Requests and Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*Detailed regulations governing open burning can be found on the back of this permit\*\***

Any person who knowingly or willingly fails to obtain a required permit and/or violates the permit system shall be subject to the provisions of Section 107 of the "International Fire Code" as adopted by La Plata County.

Permit Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## For Official Use Only:

Approved: \_\_\_ Not Approved: \_\_\_ Fire Service Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please also read page two of this form. If you wish to email form, save document to your computer and attach file. Send to: [firemarshal@upperpinefpd.org](mailto:firemarshal@upperpinefpd.org)

## Open Burning Goals and Regulations

### Goals of the Permitting System

- To educate the public regarding how to safely use fire as a tool to dispose of unwanted slash or approved debris thereby reducing the potential for property damage and injuries.
- To assist in the reduction of hazard fuels on private, State and Federal properties which would be beneficial to the safety of the general public by reducing the threat of unwanted wildfires.
- To reduce the number of false or nuisance calls related to open burning.
- To reduce the number of "Out of Control" burns in La Plata County.

### Regulations

- The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (unless it is pre-approved) from any structure. Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of any structure or combustible material.
- The open burn permit is a legal document that conditionally authorizes a person to burn at a time, place and method specified on the permit. The issuing Fire Department and the employee(s) or agents thereof, do not assume any responsibility for any damage to the person or property of the permit holder, or the person or property of any third person burning or assisting in the burning.
- \* A person holding a burn permit assumes the risks associated with a burn and is not relieved of any liability for injuries to persons or property resulting from the burn. The person conducting the burning shall have knowledge of safe burning conditions, including consideration of and the availability of specific permit limitations concerning temperature, humidity, snow cover, wind conditions, fuel type, moisture content, slope, and the above mentioned set backs from any structures.
- \* Prior to commencing any burn, the permittee must call their local Dispatch Center (as set forth below) and inquire whether or not it is an approved day to burn as determined by the Authority having jurisdiction or RED FLAG conditions exist. No burning will be allowed during any day where the Authority having jurisdiction determines it is unsafe to do so or on a RED FLAG day. Any fire started when authorization has not been provided or on a RED FLAG day will be extinguished and those persons responsible for the unauthorized burning will be subject to penalties as set forth in County Ordinances.
- \* Anyone who sets a fire under an issued permit must:
  - A. keep the signed permit at the fire;
  - B. produce and show the permit to any fire or law enforcement officer or member upon request;
  - C. keep the fire under control;
  - D. not leave the burn unattended;
  - E. keep hand tools, water and/or an extinguisher on site and readily available to control the burn;
  - F. extinguish the fire before expiration or upon cancellation of the permit, or obtain a renewal;
  - G. obtain a weather report; no burning should occur when local wind speeds may cause the fire to go out of control;
  - H. exercise reasonable caution;
  - I. attempt to complete the burn prior to the arrival of the late morning or early afternoon winds. In those cases where it is safe to burn all day, the fire must be extinguished prior to dusk. Not allowing burning after dusk will minimize the impact of the smoke upon neighbors and the community.
  - J. Burn only approved material (items such as tires, refrigerators, oil, etc. are not approved).
  - K. Piles should be limited to 4' x4', material can be added as the pile decreases in size.

### Cancellation or Suspension of a Permit

Upon issuing a permit, the Fire Department may specify any special fire control conditions for the safety of the residences and surrounding properties. If smoke emissions are determined to be offensive to the surrounding property(ies) or becomes a hazardous situation, then burning shall be discontinued. The applicable Fire Chief or Fire Marshal, for the purposes of fire control during dangerous conditions may suspend or cancel all permits in their jurisdiction or prohibit the lighting of fires in any part of their jurisdiction. Upon suspension or cancellation of any permit, the permit holder must immediately extinguish the fire.