



SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2022

The wildland fire season is in full swing in September. The fire danger level on 9/1 is **EXTREME**. A **BURN BAN** remains in place in the GRR Rural Fire District.

Parched grasses and other fuels burn hot and fast, especially on hot, windy days. “Red Flag Days” are the most hazardous. While grills are OK to use, avoid open fires in pits unless they are covered by spark-retarding screens. Mow only green areas on your lawn and perimeter this month since sparks from mower blades hitting rocks can start a wildland fire. Remove or kill tumbleweeds such as Russian Thistle and Kochia. Do not dispose of property waste in the reservoir quarry area. Avoid driving on roads where grass and weed have overgrown the road center and avoid parking in places where hot exhaust systems might come in contact with dry vegetation. Carry a 4- or 5-pound fire extinguisher in each vehicle for emergencies.

Consider getting a free Wildland Fire Risk Assessment from the GRR Fire Department. Contact Chief Sprow marlinsprow32@gmail.com, or email admin@grrfd.org to set up an appointment.

Check out the GRRFD website Getting Informed section for more information about wildland fire preparedness recommendations: <http://www.grrfd.org/get-informed/>.

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