

ROUTT COUNTY OPEN BURNING MANAGEMENT PLAN



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During periods of extreme fire danger, the Governor and/or the County Commissioners may impose an open burning ban which supersedes this plan.

COUNTY SOURCES EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A BURNING PERMIT WHEN BURNING IS ALLOWED:

- Fires for cooking of food.
- Fires for instructional or recreational purposes (e.g., a camp fire).
- Flares to indicate danger to the public.
- Agricultural open burning (as defined in the Courtesy Open Burn Notification).

COMMUNITY RULES:

- Hayden Same as this plan.
- Oak Creek Same as this plan.
- Yampa Same as this plan.
- Steamboat Springs Because the City of Steamboat Springs operates under the rules of the 1991 Fire Code, open burning is not allowed within the city limits. Large recreational fires (such as bonfires) require permitting through the City of Steamboat Springs Fire Department.

TYPES OF OPEN BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED IN ROUTT COUNTY (NO FEE):

- ❑ Air Quality Permit obtained from the Environmental Health Department at the Courthouse Annex (Second Floor) or call 879-0185
- ❑ Courtesy Open Burning Notification obtained from the Routt County Communications Center, local Fire Department, Town Hall or call 879-1110
- ❑ City of Steamboat Springs Fire Department Permit obtained from the Central Fire Station on Yampa Street or call 879-0700

UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPT, A PERMIT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NECESSARY FOR THE BURNING OF:

- Rubbish (as defined in Article 9 of the 1991 Fire Code: "Waste material including garbage, wastepaper, and debris from construction or demolition").
- Wood and other flammable material on any open premises.
- Woody or herbaceous material to create a defensible space around structures.

CRITERIA FOR GRANTING OR DENYING AN OPEN BURN PERMIT: (as stated in the Colorado Air Quality Control Regulations, effective 1983, paragraph C1)

"In granting or denying such permits the Department shall base its decision on the location or proximity of such burning to any building or other structure; the potential contribution of such burning to air pollution in the area, climatic conditions on the day of the burning and compliance with applicable fire protection and safety requirements of the local authority. Also considered are whether there is any practical alternative method for the disposal of the material to be burned and whether the burning will be conducted so as to minimize emissions."

A COURTESY OPEN BURNING NOTIFICATION IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING BURNS:

- Agricultural open burning which is defined as:
 1. The burning of cover vegetation for the purpose of preparing the soil for crop production, weed control, and other agricultural cultivation purposes (from the Colorado Air Quality Control Regulations, 1983).
 2. Wood or waste directly related to the growing and harvesting of crops, raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit, or providing a livelihood, or the conducting of agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution.
- Woody or herbaceous products or cultivated fields that have an excess of dead grass or weeds which deter regular commercial agricultural use of that field.
- Fence rows.
- Irrigation ditches.
- Burning of hay and straw.

ROUTT COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR AIR QUALITY OPEN BURNING PERMIT

Date: _____ Home Phone No.: _____

Name of Burn Supervisor: _____

Location of Burn: _____
Routt County Road No. _____

Description of Location (e.g., "x" miles north of Hayden)

Mailing Address: _____

Owner of Burn Site: _____

Address: _____

Material to be burned:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rubbish | <input type="checkbox"/> Woody or herbaceous material for the purpose of creating a defensible space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wastepaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed burn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood | <input type="checkbox"/> Other flammable material on any open premises |

Amount of material to be burned (e.g., tons, acres, cords, etc.): _____

Purpose of burn: _____

Date of burn: _____ Hours needed to complete burn: _____

Proximity of burn to any building or structure (in feet): _____

Distance to closest downwind neighbor: _____

Name of closest downwind neighbor: _____

The potential contribution of such burning to air pollution in the area: _____

Weather conditions: Winds less than 5 mph No inversion layer

Alternatives to burning: Landfill Chipping Burying

Comments: _____

CONDITIONS

At no time shall the burning be left unattended. Burning shall be supervised by one or more responsible persons, depending on the type of burning. Precautions shall be taken to localize the burning and in no way constitute a fire hazard to persons or property within or adjacent to the area of burning. No burning will be done when local wind speeds exceed five (5) mph. Suitable and adequate fire extinguishing equipment shall be provided on site by the Permittee at all times.

The granting authority and the employees or agent thereof, in the issuing of a permit, do not assume any responsibility for damage to the person or property of the Permittee or the person or property of any third person.

Burning shall be restricted to the item(s) and location as indicated. All open burning shall be subject to inspection by the Routt County Department of Environmental Health and/or representatives of the local Fire Protection Districts.

This permit is for compliance with air pollution control requirements and fire safety requirements and is not a permit to violate any existing local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances.

The Permittee is responsible for obtaining signatures from any appropriate fire control office, any local agency, or other officials prior to submission of this permit.

Permittee will call 879-1110 prior to burning to notify the Routt County Communications Center of the days and location of each burn.

The Permittee, his employees, agents, and assignees shall abide by the conditions and restrictions contained herein. Any violations of these same conditions and restrictions shall render this permit null and void.

This permit shall be good for 24 hours, with the exception of prescribed burns as defined by the Colorado State Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Environmental Health Signature: _____

Signatures required from applicable Fire Protection District and/or other communities:

- Hayden _____
- North Routt _____
- Oak Creek _____
- Steamboat Springs _____
- Yampa _____

ROUTT COUNTY
COURTESY OPEN BURNING NOTIFICATION

Date: _____ Permit No.: _____
(Comes from RCC)

Home Phone No: _____

Name of Burn Supervisor: _____

Location of Burn: _____
Routt County Road No. _____

Description of Location (e.g., "x" miles north of Hayden)

Mailing Address: _____

Owner of Burn Site: _____

Address: _____

Type of Burn:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Burning of cover vegetation (includes woody, herbaceous products, dead grass or weeds) for preparing the soil for crop production, weed control, and other cultivation purposes. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood or waste directly related to the growing and harvesting of crops, raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit or providing a livelihood, or the conducting of agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation ditches | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence rows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hay and straw | |

Distance to closest structure: _____

Distance to closest downwind neighbor: _____

Name of closest downwind neighbor: _____

Name of person issuing permit: _____

Notification of appropriate fire protection district personnel: Yes No