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Fire Officials Encourage Caution with Fireworks

Salt Lake City – While Utah has experienced a relatively slow start to the wildfire season, vegetation is now becoming drier along the foothills and desert areas across the state. Fire officials warn that although vegetation in some areas may look green, the fire danger is climbing. In Southern Utah, light fuels like cheat grass are already dry and flammable. As daily temperatures continue to rise throughout the state, the wildfire hazard also increases.

Due to recent changes in Utah's fireworks laws, state and federal agencies are emphasizing that it is illegal to possess or ignite fireworks on state or federal land. If convicted, fines can be up to \$5,000. Officials issue the caution: One spark from fireworks can touch off a costly and destructive wildfire.

Fireworks continue to be a major cause of wildfires; here are a few guidelines to keep celebrations safe:

- Use only legal fireworks
- Don't light fireworks near grass or other vegetation
- Discard expended fireworks in a bucket of water
- Use fireworks only as intended. DO NOT try to modify them
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a designated person light fireworks

Before lighting fireworks, check with your local municipality. Several cities, counties and tribal reservations have restrictions and closure areas for fireworks. During the summer, lighting fireworks in Utah is only legal between June 26 and July 26.

For more information on wildfire conditions, restrictions and prevention, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

For information on fireworks safety including specific information on changes to state laws regarding fireworks, visit: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/firemarshal>

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