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Utah Entering Annual Fire Season, Closure to Open Burning

Salt Lake City, Utah – Utah’s official fire season begins and the open burning season officially ends each year on May 31. Fire danger will increase rapidly as warmer and drier weather develops. So far, tests are showing that despite the rainy spring, moisture levels in grassy fuels are below average. So far this spring, several debris burns have blown out of control, escaped and become wildfires burning private and public land. As of June 1, open burning is prohibited without a permit.

The closed fire season does not impact campfires or backyard fireplaces in areas where they are normally allowed; however, caution is advised with any burning. Campfire restrictions on public lands are not currently in effect, but much of the state is in a persistent drought condition. Fire danger may increase to levels requiring bans in certain areas as the season progresses. Any campfire restrictions or closures will be issued on a case-by-case basis.

Fire restriction announcements, fire safety tips and resources for preparing homes and property for wildfire are available at www.utahfireinfo.gov. Follow Utah’s wildland fire agencies @UtahWildfire.

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