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PRESS RELEASE

Today, Custer County has set Stage II Fire Restrictions after consideration by Sheriff Byerly and WMVFPD Chief Kit Shy for private and county owned property. We encourage all citizens to review the Fire restrictions and be aware of the precautions we all must take to prevent a wildfire during these unusually dry conditions. The ban will be in effect until further notice; however we will monitor the situation daily. A considerable amount of moisture is needed to reduce the fire danger so until that time, it is necessary for everyone to be vigilant in their fire awareness.

Currently, the National Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are under fire restrictions currently limiting any outdoor fires. Fire potential is very high during this time and we encourage anyone enjoying the outdoors to be aware of the fire risks during this time.

For specific information regarding the fire ban restrictions, please visit the Sheriff's Website <https://www.custercoloradosheriff.com/services> and click on the Burn Ordinance to review the regulations specific to Stage II restrictions.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Sheriff's Office or the Office Of Emergency Management.

Thank you,
Sheriff Byerly

For further information contact Sheriff Shannon Byerly or Undersheriff Robert Hill at 719-783-2270.

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Individuals having information on any crime and wishing to remain anonymous may phone the Custer County Tips Line at 719-783-2847. Your phone call will remain anonymous.

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