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## **Community Update: County Fire Restrictions Lifted**

**Friday, October 5, 2018, Jackson, WY** – The Teton County Board of Commissioners voted to lift fire restrictions in the County this morning at a Special Meeting.

Bridger-Teton National Forest and Grand Teton National Park also lifted fire restrictions as of 12:00pm today (10/5/18).

On behalf of Teton County, the Board of Commissioners and Jackson Hole Fire/EMS would like to express deep gratitude to all responders and agencies that put forth critical effort in battling recent fires in the area.

All visitors and residents are encouraged to practice fire safety and apply “One Less Spark” practices:

- Before heading out to camp or hunt, check with public land management agencies for fire danger, regulations, and restrictions. It is the responsibility of the individual to know what public land they are on, and respect private lands- and adhere to respective land management rules/regulations on each.
- Use existing fire rings whenever possible. Wood should never exceed the size fire ring.
- Build your fire away from adjoining or overhanging flammable vegetation. Clear ground vegetation so the fire is on bare mineral soil. Avoid having a fire on windy days.
- Ensure your fire is fully extinguished: Douse the fire or coals with water and dirt. Stir it until completely cold to the touch. Put your hand in the dirt to feel that it's no longer warm. Water in some campgrounds may be turned off for the season so bring water with you for dousing fires.
- Ensure that the area around a portable stove is clear of grasses and other fine vegetation. Stabilize the stove to prevent it from tipping and starting a fire.
- Never throw cigarettes out of a vehicle window. Use an ashtray.
- Practice Leave No Trace principles: Pack out cigarette butts and burned materials from your campsite.
- Never park a vehicle in dead grass; the catalytic converter can ignite the vegetation.
- Use caution when discharging a firearm, operating an internal combustion engine, welding, operating acetylene or other torches with an open flame, or using explosives (where permitted).
- Fireworks are always prohibited on state and federal lands.

Finally, October 7-13, 2018, is Fire Prevention Week. The National Fire Protection Association has great resources and educational information for fire prevention strategies and safety. Visit their website for additional information:

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week>

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