

September 28, 2023

Closure of Open Burning – Public Service Announcement

Eureka County will close all controlled burning *effective 12:01 a.m., July 28, 2023*. This closure includes yard trimmings, limbs, brush, and burn barrels within Eureka County. In addition to the above restrictions the Eureka County Fire Protection District wish to remind our outdoor enthusiasts of active restrictions on public lands now in effect by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. This includes but may not be limited to the following:

1. Discharging, using or allowing the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic or incendiary devices.
2. Discharging, igniting or causing to burn; explosives or explosive material, including binary explosive targets.
3. Discharging a firearm using tracer, or incendiary ammunition.
4. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.

Citizens are reminded that you may be held liable for suppression costs and/or damages related to an escaped burn.

Lack of precipitation, afternoon winds and extremely high temperatures have caused vegetation throughout Eureka County to become highly combustible. Portions of Eureka County have an abundance of dry fuel this year compared to previous years. The lack of precipitation and combination of wind in the last two weeks has dried these fuels, requiring the closure of open burning of yard materials and the use of burn barrels.

Eureka County will monitor conditions, and further restrictions may be implemented during the summer including full restrictions with our State and Federal partners on public lands throughout the county.

Please remember to have adequate defensible space of 30 or more feet around your homes and outbuildings. Some helpful tips for clearing defensible space include lightly watering the area the night prior to mowing and using string trimmers with nylon twine instead of metal blades. More tips can be found at <https://www.livingwithfire.com> Use caution traveling on and off road in Eureka County, carry water, a shovel and call 911 or 775-237-5330 to report a fire. Information on fire restrictions managed by Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service in Nevada can be found at <https://www.nevadafireinfo.org/restrictions-and-closures>

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Eureka County Fire Protection District