



those issued by the national interagency coordination center or any successor entity, localized evidence of low fuel moisture content, and any other similar indices or information.; and

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2026, the Board was presented with the following competent evidence of high fire danger:

- a. Chris Bornholdt, Garfield County Emergency Manager, testified that local conditions and future predictions indicate an extreme fire danger in the County. Fuel moisture percentages are below average across the County. Sage fuel moisture percentage is at or below 111%, well below the 120% fuel moisture level at which flammable shrubs should burn. Measurements taken in the County indicate Pinyon and Juniper fuel moisture is 73-83% (below normal moisture content percentages). Fuel moisture percentages are expected to further decrease in the next two weeks, creating high fire danger; and
- b. The forecasted Weather and National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) shows High to Extreme fire danger levels throughout Garfield County due to temperatures, minimum relative humidity, and winds; and
- c. The Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers early June flow peaks, are more than a foot lower than 2025, and more than three feet lower than the 2024 peaks, due to low snowpack and warmer than normal conditions; and
- d. As of June 4, the U. S. Department of Agriculture Drought Monitor classifies the majority of Garfield County as D4 (exceptional drought) and far Western Garfield County as D3 (extreme drought); and
- e. According to reports from the National Interagency Fire Center, above normal significant wildfire potential is expected to continue through June and July across much of west Colorado as a result of forecast trends, very low snowpack, and continued drought.

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing competent evidence, the Board finds a high fire danger exists in Garfield County, and bans the use of fireworks from June 15, 2026 through July 5, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Garfield County Ordinance 2026-01 Prohibiting the Use of Fireworks in Unincorporated Garfield County shall be in effect from June 15, 2026 through July 5, 2026.
2. The use of fireworks, including permissible fireworks, as defined in §§ 24-33.5-2001(5) and (11), C. R. S., is prohibited throughout the unincorporated areas of Garfield County, Colorado from June 15, 2026 through July 5, 2026.

3. Persons who use fireworks, including permissible fireworks, in violation of Ordinance 2026-02 and this Resolution shall be subject to all surcharges set forth in § 30-15-402, C. R. S., as amended, and shall pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each separate violation.

4. Pursuant to § 30-15-402(1), C. R. S., any arresting peace officer may give the person arrested for violating Ordinance 2026-02 and this Resolution a penalty assessment notice pursuant to § 16-2-201, C. R. S. The penalty assessment notice shall specify a fine upon trial not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each separate offense. Notwithstanding that specified fine, if the person given a penalty assessment notice chooses to acknowledge his/her guilt before trial, he/she may pay a fine of \$300.00 for each separate offense in person or by mail at the place and within the time specified in the notice. If he/she chooses not to acknowledge his/her guilt, he/she shall appear as required in the notice.

5. Pursuant to § 30-15-402.5, C. R. S., peace officers, whether or not certified under part 3 of Article 31 of Title 24, C. R. S., are hereby designated to enforce Ordinance 2026-01 and this Resolution.

6. If, subsequent to the adoption of this Resolution, a change in the weather occurs resulting in competent evidence that the high fire danger is not present and no longer will be present from June 15, 2026 through July 5, 2026, the Board may promptly consider whether to exercise its legislative discretion to rescind the restrictions it has adopted on the use of fireworks.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

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Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Tom Jankovsky Aye  
Mike Samson Aye  
Perry Will Aye