



**ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**PREVENT PREPARE PERFORM**

To: All affected agencies  
From: Warren Jones, Interim Fire Chief  
Estes Valley Fire Protection District

Date: March 18, 2026

Subject: Open Burning **RESTRICTION (Stage 1)**

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Due to continued dry conditions, projected high temperatures, strong winds, and lack of moisture, the danger of wildland fire, forest, and grass fires is still high in the Estes Valley, and to support the Stage 2 restrictions in Rocky Mountain National Park, we are enacting the following:

Pursuant to International Fire Code Section 307.1.1, I hereby issue an open burning **RESTRICTION (Stage 1)** within the Estes Valley Fire Protection District effective 08:00, March 19, 2026.

Open burning that is not allowed under this restriction includes:

- Wood burning recreational fires **NOT** in a permanent enclosure or portable device designed to contain fire
- Pile burning and other prescribed fire

Open burning that is allowed includes:

- Wood burning fires in a device designed to contain fire (NOT permitted in short-term rentals)
- Charcoal and pellet fuel BBQs (NOT permitted in short-term rentals)
- Gas-burning recreational fires
- Smoking (with proper discard device)

Please visit <https://www.estesvalleyfire.org/fire-restrictions-bans> for the most current fire restriction information, including an informational sheet showing what is permitted during Restrictions.

These restrictions are dependent on the current fire danger and will be evaluated regularly. This restriction shall be effective until otherwise lifted or changed by the Fire Chief or his designee. To learn more on preparing your property for the risk of wildfire, please visit our website at: <https://www.estesvalleyfire.org/wildfire>.

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