



Office of Emergency Management

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Immediate Release: Montezuma County Fire Ban

The Montezuma County Fire Ban was placed into effect this morning at 9:00 am after approval from the Montezuma County Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners voted unanimously after the request was made from Sheriff Nowlin, the Fire Chiefs from all of the Fire Protection Districts and the County Emergency Manager.

Based on the events of the last two weeks with the Road F Fire and the Sage Hen Fire, high temperatures, lowering fuel moistures, and other factors potential for extreme fire behavior is high. With weather forecasts predicting continuing higher temperatures and little moisture the Fire Ban is critical to prevent wildfires and protect life and property.

The Montezuma County Fire Ban was updated in 2015 and residents are encouraged to review the Montezuma County Fire Ban Ordinance at <http://montezumacounty.org>.

If anyone has questions they are encouraged to contact their local Fire District, the County Sheriff's Office at 970-565-8452 or the Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management at 970-564-4137.

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