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## NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Date: August 22, 2024

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Title: **Stage I Fire Restrictions Lifted in Garfield County**

**IMPORTANT:** Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –

**Fire Restrictions Lifted in Garfield County, Effective 12:01 AM Friday AUGUST 23, 2024**

Garfield County, CO, The Garfield County Sheriff, BLM and the seven Fire Districts in Garfield County are lifting Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in all unincorporated areas of Garfield County effective at 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 23, 2024.

The recent rainfall in our area along with cooler weather has allowed Stage I Restrictions to be lifted in Garfield County at all elevations. Fire restrictions are implemented based on specific criteria including the moisture content of vegetation, weather outlooks, human "risk" factors and firefighting resource availability.

Please exercise due diligence, be careful if you are building a campfire or partaking of any activity in an undeveloped area that might create sparks. There are still a lot of fuels and dry vegetation in Garfield County where a fire could ignite and quickly spread.

Common sense and caution are the rule of the day. Enjoy our great outdoors here in western Colorado but do so carefully. Starting a wildfire would not only ruin your day but could cost someone a life, the loss of a home or other personal property. Undoubtedly, there would be legal consequences if you were to start a fire.

**Additional information will be released as it becomes available.**

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