



# RED, WHITE & BLUE

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
COURAGE, COMMITMENT, CARING

## **Recreational Fires (Campfire):**

**Unincorporated Summit County:** The following type of recreational fire is allowed at all times regardless of the burn index: (Exception: If the Governor or Sheriff issues a burn ban or if a Red Flag Warning is issued by the State or Federal Forest Service).

1. Any recreational fire 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
  - 1.1 Fire must be in a campfire ring and used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purpose.
  - 1.2 The fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
  - 1.3 The fire shall be constantly attended, by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use.

**Town of Blue River:** The following type of recreational fire is allowed at all times regardless of the burn index: (Exception: If the Governor or Town issues a burn ban or if a Red Flag Warning is issued by the State or Federal Forest Service).

1. Any recreational fire 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height, **which has been permitted through the Fire District.**
  - 1.1 Limited to the property owner.
  - 1.2 Fire must be in a campfire ring and used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purpose.
  - 1.3 The fire shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
  - 1.4 The fire shall be constantly attended, by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use.

**Town of Breckenridge:** The following type of recreational fire is allowed at all times regardless of the burn index: (Exception: If the Governor or Town issues a burn ban or if a Red Flag Warning is issued by the State or Federal Forest Service).

1. **Any recreational fire that is conducted in a UL listed or FM approved device**, such as a manufactured fire bowl or Chiminea.
  - 1.1 The fire shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 15 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
  - 1.2 The fire shall be constantly attended, by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use.

**NOTE: Recreational Fires are allowed in wilderness areas, designated campgrounds, and private property if they meet the above requirements. They are not allowed within ¼ mile of the Interstate, Denver Water Board property and specific areas prohibited by the USFS or by Town Code(s).**

### **Open Burning, Burn (Slash) Permits, and Bonfires:**

1. All open burning, slash burning and/or bonfires, require a permit from the Fire District and the Environmental Health Department. **(Please see SOP 408)**  
**Note:** burn permits are not issued between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
2. No open burning or bonfires (over 3 feet in diameter OR over 2 feet in flame height) are allowed if the burn index is HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME.
3. No open burning or bonfires are allowed if a Red Flag Warning is issued or if the Sheriff/Governor issues a ban on burning.
4. Open burning and bonfires shall be constantly attended, by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use.
5. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of any structure or combustible material, unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
6. Fire Department personnel shall inspect the site of the open burn or bonfire prior to ignition.



# Red, White & Blue Fire District Standard Operating Policy

## Burn (Slash) Permits

SOP 408	
Approved By:	Date:
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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish rules for issuing Burn Permits.

### **POLICY:**

- A. A Burn Permit is required to burn any tree slash within the boundaries of the Red, White and Blue Fire Protection District.
  - a. Exception: The Town of Breckenridge prohibits the burning of slash and the Town of Blue River requires proof of property ownership. This proof of property ownership shall include:
    - i. a copy of their driver's license and either a print out of the Public Record from Summit County ([www.co.summit.co.us](http://www.co.summit.co.us)) or a tax receipt.
- B. Burn Permits shall only be issued during normal businesses hours Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- C. Permits shall only be authorized for up to 30-days between renewals.
- D. Permits shall not be authorized or issued from Memorial Day through Labor Day without the prior approval of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal.
- E. A copy of the issued permit and any required proof shall be provided to the Fire Marshal or their designee.