

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-005

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A STAGE II FIRE BAN FOR THE TOWN OF
CRESTONE, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, climatic conditions in the geographical area of the San Luis Valley of South Central Colorado, including the County of Saguache and the Town of Crestone, have become extremely dry and windy, substantially increasing the danger of wildfire to the citizens, property, and natural resources of the Town of Crestone; and

WHEREAS, Saguache County has imposed Stage II Fire Restrictions within the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to impose a Stage II Fire Ban within the Town of Crestone; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 31-15-401(1)(q) authorizes municipalities to regulate and prohibit fires within their jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TOWN OF CRESTONE, COLORADO, THAT:**

Section 1. Stage II Fire Ban.

A Stage II Fire Ban is hereby imposed within the incorporated limits of the Town of Crestone.

Section 2. Prohibited Activities.

The following activities are prohibited within the Town of Crestone:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using any open fire, campfire, charcoal fire, coal fire, or wood-burning fire, except where specifically exempted by law.
2. Burning trash, brush, weeds, rubbish, or other combustible material.
3. The use, sale, or discharge of fireworks.
4. Disposal of burning materials or hot coals capable of igniting vegetation except in approved fireproof receptacles.
5. Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or developed area devoid of combustible vegetation.
6. Welding, torch cutting, grinding, or other spark-producing activities unless appropriate fire prevention measures are in place.
7. Operation of internal combustion engines without approved spark arresters where required by law.

8. Any additional activities prohibited under Stage II Fire Restrictions adopted by Saguache County, to the extent applicable and permitted by law.

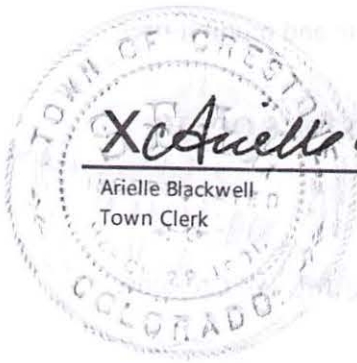
Section 3. Duration.

This Resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. Penalty.

Any violation of this Resolution shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,650.00), as authorized by law.

ADOPTED this 23 day of March, 2026.



X Arielle Blackwell

Arielle Blackwell
Town Clerk

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Benjamin Byer
Town Mayor