

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 002

AN ORDINANCE RESTATING AND REIMPOSING 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 been extremely dry and windy during the current season, substantially increasing the danger of wildfire to the town's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Saguache County has already imposed a fire ban for the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 31-15-401(1)(q) authorizes the Town Board of Trustees to impose a fire ban within the town limits;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone that:

1. Stage II Fire Ban Imposed: A Stage II Fire Ban is hereby imposed in accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. § 31-15-401(1)(q).

2. Prohibited Activities: The following acts are prohibited within the town limits:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal grill, coal or wood-burning stove, including in developed recreation sites. Devices using pressurized liquid or gas with shut-off valves are exempted.

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building.

- Using an explosive, including fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, or incendiary ammunition.

- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.

- Operating or using any internal combustion engine without an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAE-approved spark arrestor.

- Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrestor, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (minimum 8 oz. capacity), and a round-point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use.

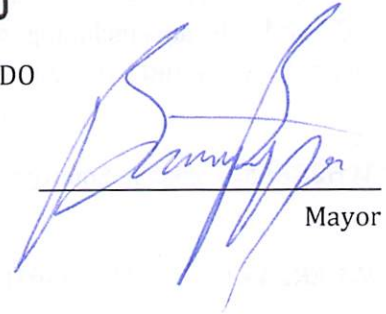
- Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails, or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle.

3. Duration: This fire ban shall remain in effect until lifted by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

4. Penalty: Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,650. No jail time shall be imposed for violations of this ordinance.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone, Colorado, on this 12 day of May 2025.

TOWN OF CRESTONE, COLORADO



Mayor

Arielle Blackwell, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Ordinance was first introduced and read in full and adopted at a regular meeting of the Crestone Board of Trustees on the 12 day of May, 2025, and that said Ordinance was published by title only in the Crestone Eagle on the 1 day of June, 2025.



Town Clerk

TOWN OF CRESTONE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-001: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CRESTONE, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT IS MADE TO THE TOWN OF CRESTONE CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

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