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Rocky Mountain National Park Announces Fire Restrictions

Due to the continued high fire danger in the park and along the Front Range, Acting Superintendent Gregg Yarrow has announced fire restrictions within Rocky Mountain National Park. The fire restrictions are effective beginning June 14, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. and will remain in effect until further notice.

Fires are permitted only in designated fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic areas. All open fires are prohibited in backcountry campsites. However, petroleum fueled stoves and grills will still be permitted in designated backcountry campsites, as well as developed campgrounds and picnic areas. Smoking is also prohibited, except within enclosed vehicles, parking lots or developed areas that are cleared of all flammable materials for at least three feet in diameter. Visitors are reminded of potential carelessness and are cautioned to properly extinguish all lighted smoking materials to avoid receiving fines.

Yarrow stated "Drying conditions combined with recent warm temperatures have caused the fire danger to increase significantly. We are taking these precautions in cooperation with local, state and federal agencies.

For more information, please contact the information office at 970- 586 -1206 or the fire management office at 970-586-1264. For information on statewide fire restrictions, please check the following web site:<http://www.dola.state.co.us/oem/PublicInformation/firebans/firebans2006.htm>

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