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Vernal, Utah ... The Ashley National Forest would like to remind all Forest visitors that fireworks are not allowed anywhere on the Forest. Please be careful with fire and ensure your campfires are dead-out before leaving your campsite.

Joseph Flores, Forest Fire Management Officer for the Ashley National Forest stated, "Fire danger is above average and the Forest is drier than average for this time of year, but not as high or dry as last year at this time".

Fire danger warning signs have been established throughout the Uintah Basin to highlight the fire danger. Due to the drastic differences in fire danger across the Basin these signs can and will portray different fire danger levels based on their location.

For example, fire danger signs as you enter the Book Cliffs may show extreme fire danger while at the same time fire danger signs as you turn off of Highway 191 onto the Red Cloud Loop Road may show low to moderate fire danger. These ratings are based off local conditions and in this example the Book Cliffs dry out much earlier than the mountains based on elevation and local weather patterns.

Please be careful with fire and know the fire danger for the areas in which you recreate and stay on designated roads and trails.

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