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Dinosaur National Monument Restricts Fires

Dinosaur, CO – Superintendent Mary Risser announced today that restrictions on open fires go into effect Monday, June 11, 2012, for the entire monument. The low snowfall this winter, coupled with a dry spring and a large amount of flammable vegetation left over from last year, has created a high fire danger situation.

To protect visitors and park staff and the natural and cultural resources in Dinosaur National Monument, open fire restrictions have been issued. Building or using any open fire or campfire, except within National Park Service-provided fire grates at developed campgrounds located at Green River, Split Mountain, Rainbow Park, Echo Park, Gates of Lodore, and Deerlodge Park is prohibited. Charcoal fires or the use of charcoal in grills along the Harpers Corner Road and at Plug Hat Butte Picnic Area are prohibited. Stoves that use pressurized gas or liquid fuel are permitted. The use of campfires and charcoal in the backcountry, including along the Green and Yampa rivers, are prohibited. Building any type of fire in a fire pan is also prohibited.

Smoking is permitted only in enclosed vehicles, developed recreation site, or in areas cleared of all flammable material. Fireworks are strictly prohibited in Dinosaur National Monument.

These restrictions will remain in effect until such time as the fire danger in the park becomes less severe. These restrictions are dependent upon extended fire weather and conditions and will be evaluated daily. At this time, there are no fires reported within the park.

If necessary, National Park Service Rangers will issue citations to persons violating the terms of this closure under authority of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1.5(f). We ask for everyone's

cooperation during this high fire danger period to decrease the potential for a catastrophic fire in Dinosaur National Monument this season.

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