

RECORDED AT 3:35 O'CLOCK P. M., RECEPTION NO. 456734
JUL 01 1996 EVIE RITTHALER, RECORDER MONTEZUMA CO. COLORADO *ER***AN ORDINANCE TO BAN OPEN FIRES PURSUANT TO 30-15-401(i)(n.5), C.R.S., WITH VIOLATIONS PUNISHABLE BY FINE PURSUANT TO 30-15-402, C.R.S.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, State of Colorado, based upon competent evidence, finds that the danger of forest and grass fires is high throughout the unincorporated areas of Montezuma County and that to protect the public health, safety and welfare it is necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County that:

1. Open fires are prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Montezuma County except as hereinafter provided.
2. An "open fire" is any fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit.
3. The ban on open fires shall continue in full force and effect at all times, but the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County based upon competent evidence may by resolution suspend said ban from time to time to the degree and manner consistent with existing wildfire dangers. Said Board may cancel such a suspension at any time by resolution. Such a suspension shall not constitute a repeal of this ordinance. This ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until specific repeal hereof.
4. Any person who knowingly causes an open fire in violation of this ordinance shall be punished as provided by 30-15-402, C.R.S.
5. Because of the high wildfire danger, this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that this ordinance is hereby adopted.

ADOPTED this 24 day of JUNE, 1996, at 10:25 o'clock a m.

Board of County Commissioners
of Montezuma County

Thomas K. Colbert

Helen McClellan

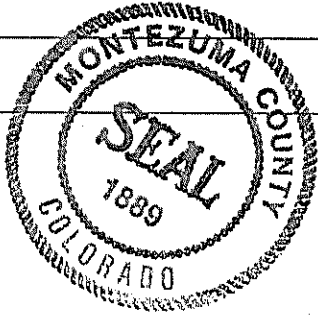
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Commissioners voting aye in favor of this Ordinance were:

Thomas K. Colbert, Helene McClellan and
G. Eugene Story.

Commissioners voting no against this Ordinance were:

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Nelda Jenkins
(Deputy) County Clerk and Recorder
Montezuma County, Colorado