

# Press Release

## Fire Danger Rating

September 20, 2010

Chaffee County Deputy Fire Warden Jim Wingert announced today that the fire danger rating has been raised to Very High. This change is because of the decrease in fuel moisture and the increased winds. Fuel samples taken by the USFS Mountain Zone shows that the smaller fuels have greatly decreased in their percentage of moisture here in the valley. The possibility of having wild fire spread potential has also increased. Deputy Wingert reminds residents of the possibility of having No-Burn Days this time of year. A no-burn day per County Ordinance No. 2006-02 are days which no open fire are allowed, including all exempted fire. Red Flag Warnings days are also No Burn Days in Chaffee County.

It is recommended at this time that no open burning of any kind be done within Chaffee County.

Deputy Wingert stated that Permits for large open fires per County Ordinance are on hold and are not being issued at this time.

Deputy Wingert also stated that fire officials are looking at placing Chaffee County under Fire Restrictions per Chaffee County Ordinance No. 2006-02.

Should you have any questions you may contact Deputy Wingert at 395-6545