

**RESOLUTION NO. 16**

**SERIES 2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ACT REGARDING IMPOSITION OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND TRAIL OR TOWN LAND CLOSURES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council wishes to take immediate precautions when risk of wildfire is heightened; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council acknowledges that from time-to-time fire conditions resulting from extended hot, dry and windy weather in the area make it prudent to impose restrictions on certain human activities in order to reduce the danger of wildfire in the Town of Crested Butte; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council specifically finds that in certain high fire-danger conditions such restrictions are in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the Town in order to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council believes that the Town Manager, is the appropriate person, using their expertise and discretion along with established fire restriction evaluation guidelines, and in consultation with local Fire Chiefs, State and Federal land management agencies, State and Federal fire suppression authorities, through the Gunnison Basin Wildfire Council, to determine whether restrictions should be implemented or elevated in times of extreme fire danger or suspended during times of decreased fire danger; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado because of the high danger of forest or wildland fires routinely occurring in the Town and surrounding areas of Gunnison County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THAT:**

1. The Town Manager or their designee shall have the authority, in collaboration with local Fire Chiefs, State and Federal land management agencies, and State and Federal fire suppression authorities through the Gunnison Basin Wildfire Council, to declare Stage I or Stage II Restrictions or closures of Town trails and open spaces, whenever the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high and without the need for further proceedings or resolution ("Restrictions"). The Town Manager or their designee shall also have the authority to rescind those Restrictions when he or she determines it is appropriate considering the current fire danger.
2. Any declaration by the Town Manager or their designee of Restrictions shall specify the Stage level, parameters, and the duration of the Restrictions as deemed necessary and appropriate. The Town Manager or their designee shall promptly coordinate notification to the public through press release(s) to local radio and print media, as



well as posting on the Town's Internet Website and Facebook page(s). Likewise, when conditions indicate a reduction or the suspension of Restrictions, the same notification to the public shall occur.

3. The Town Manager will engage in all reasonable efforts to immediately notify the members of the Town Council, and the Town Attorney regarding the imposition, modification or lifting of any Restrictions.
4. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to allow the burning or combustion of any material or any burning or fire activity otherwise prohibited by law.
5. The Town Manager or their designee shall consult with various state and federal land management agencies and obtain their recommendation prior to the Town Manager imposing or suspending any Restrictions. Recommendations shall be made pursuant to Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines as currently used by such agencies to evaluate the indicators that predict fire danger. Upon any implementation or suspension of Restrictions, the Town Manager or their designee shall coordinate and cooperate with these agencies to enforce the Restrictions.

**INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED UPON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022.**

**TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO**

BY: 

Ian Billick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Lynelle Stanford, Clerk

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