

**Routt County Open Burning Application & Permit**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Pile Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Burn Supervisor (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Distance to nearest neighbor: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the location in Steamboat Springs Fire Protection District?  Yes  No

If no, please contact the appropriate Fire Protection District for permitting:

North Routt 970.879.6064 Oak Creek 970.736.8104 Yampa 970.638.4227 West Routt 970.276.3511

**Pile(s) Information**

# of piles: \_\_\_\_\_ Photos on file:  Yes  No

Pile Dimensions: H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Pile Shape: \_\_\_\_\_

Pile size (cubic feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Pile Construction:

Hand  Grapple/Rake  Blade

Dirt, stumps, construction trash, green timber, etc:  Yes  No

Percent of wood volume greater than 4" diameter: \_\_\_\_\_%

Fire committed and feasible to be cold by sunset:  Yes  No

Constant attendance:  Monitored:

Material to be burned: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of burn: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:**

- Steamboat Springs Fire Protection District's Open Burn Season is November 1<sup>st</sup>- April 15<sup>th</sup> with a required 6" or more of snow cover.
- If you are burning outside of the Open Burn Season, both Steamboat Springs Fire District and Routt County approval are necessary to validate permit.

I have read and understand all the conditions on the reverse side for permit approval.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:

Denied:

Re-inspection required:

Environmental Health's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Inspections conducted by Routt County Environmental Health employees are limited to the authority expressly authorized by the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. It is recommended that an applicant contact the local Fire District to verify compliance with any established fire code.*

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## Restrictions and Requirements:

**Please Note: The Colorado Clean Air Act does not allow fires that are a nuisance to others.**

1. The owner or responsible person shall contact Routt County Department of Environmental Health to verify a smoke dispersal forecast of fair or better before igniting the burn at 970.870.5588. OR by visiting <http://www.co.routt.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/7662/Open-Burn-Smoke-Dispersal-Forecast> to verify the smoke dispersal forecast for your location.
2. The owner or responsible person shall notify Routt County Communications prior to ignition at 970.879.1110
3. Burning shall be restricted to the item(s) and location as indicated on permit.
4. This permit shall be available at the burn site while burning, and it must be shown upon request of an appropriate official.
5. The permit is for compliance with air pollution control requirements only and is not a permit to violate any existing local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances regarding fire, zoning, or building.
6. The permittee is responsible for obtaining any additional permits and/or clearances from any appropriate fire office, any local agency, home owners association, or other officials.
7. Open burning is only allowed during daylight hours. All fires must be extinguished before dusk.
8. Open burning is not allowed during periods of extreme fire danger or during air pollution emergency or alert.
9. Construction materials, treated or painted woods, trash, any plastics, tires or similar dense or toxic smoke producing substances are prohibited from being burned.
10. Open burning is prohibited within 30 feet of any structure.
11. A responsible person must attend open burning at all times.
12. Adequate fire control equipment (shovels, water, fire pumps, etc.) must be kept on site and available while burning.

**For More Information Contact:**

**Rick Melzer**  
**Routt County Department of Environmental Health**  
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Steamboat Springs, CO 80477  
(970) 870-5588  
[rmelzer@co.routt.co.us](mailto:rmelzer@co.routt.co.us)

## Pile Type Summary & Burning Checklist

**!!!! A valid copy of this permit shall be kept with the permittee while burning !!!!**

- Type 1
  - Recreational Fires: No Red Flag or fire restrictions
  
- Type 2
  - Pile Size: 10'x10'10' or smaller
  - General Conditions: In Burn Season, 6" or more snow cover, no Red Flag, pile out by sunset
  - Confirm smoke dispersal forecast: (Snowing or Forecast of Fair or better)
    - Contact Environmental Health Department (970.870.5588) \_\_\_\_\_
    - Date & time contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Notify Routt County Communications (970.879.1110) with permit number & intent to burn
    - Date & time contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ignite pile(s) prior to 1100 and re-pile as needed for complete burn
  - Monitor piles until completely extinguished.
  - Report to Environmental Health Department # of piles burned
    - Date contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rehabilitate and reseed burn site
  
- Type 3
  - Pile Size: 10'x10'10' or smaller
  - General Conditions: Outside of Burn Season, no Red Flag, pile out by sunset
  - Contact Fire department for Fire Safety Inspection (970.871.8216)
    - Date & time of inspection \_\_\_\_\_
  - Confirm smoke dispersal forecast: (Snowing or Forecast of Good or better)
    - Contact Environmental Health Department (970.870.5588) \_\_\_\_\_
    - Date & time contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Notify Routt County Communications (970.879.1110) with permit number & intent to burn
    - Date & time contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ignite pile(s) prior to 1100 and re-pile as needed for complete burn
  - Monitor piles until completely extinguished
  - Report to Fire Department # of piles burned
    - Date contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rehabilitate and reseed burn site
  
- Type 4
  - Pile size: Larger than 10'x10'x10' and/or not feasible out by sunset
  - Conditions as required by Colorado Air Pollution Control Division Permit
  - Contact Air Pollution Control Division for permit (303.692.3244)
  - Notify Routt County Communications (970.879.1110) with permit number & intent to burn
    - Date & time contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

