Proclamation of Extended Closed Fire Season

Whereas; wildfire danger is unseasonably high due to extended lack of precipitation, warmer than usual weather, and dry fuel conditions throughout Utah, and

Whereas; wildlands threatened by wildfire are critical to sustain public health and economic well-being, and

Whereas; an extension of the closed fire season would extend the regulation on open burning on unincorporated state and private land, and

Whereas; open burning is known to be a frequent cause of wildfires;

Therefore; in accordance with Utah State Statute §65A-8-211(1)(b), I do hereby proclaim that the closed fire season which normally ends on October 31, be altered to extend until November 30, 2020 throughout Utah. This extension will be evaluated daily by fire leadership and will be rescinded as soon as conditions allow. Some areas of the state may be opened to allow open burning before others.

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