



June 16, 2021

To: City of Millcreek

I have been asked to provide guidance as to the currently existing environmental conditions that are in effect as they may impact your legislative bodies' evaluation of additional fireworks restrictions beyond those created based upon historical conditions.

The US Drought Monitor shows most of Salt Lake County in the D-4, Exceptional Drought category. I received a report Saturday from the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands that shows we are clearly following the historic dry line and explosive potential. This means that along the Wasatch Front, the energy release component of vegetation is near maximum potential and the fuel moisture well below average. Given the unusually high temperatures and low humidity the past few days since these reports, conditions have become drier.

Water conservation measures, while necessary, will contribute to even drier vegetation conditions around and within residential neighborhoods as the season progresses, such as the drying out of bushes, trees, and lawns. This will increase the fire potential during this fireworks season even in areas not traditionally covered by fireworks bans.

Given these reports, factors and conditions, I have determined, as the fire code official, that hazardous environmental conditions exist that necessitate the controlled use of ignition sources from 900 East eastward, at a minimum. I recommend that your entity evaluate the restrictions of ignition sources, including fireworks, at this line of demarcation and prohibit their use in those areas east of 900 East that your legislative bodies determine meet the criteria provided for in Utah Code §15A-5-202.5(1)(b)(1) and (2).

We will continue to monitor conditions. Should they worsen, other areas may need to be considered.

Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

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