To: Citizens of Mountain Green

From: Brian Brendel, Fire Chief

Subject: Resolution “No Open Burning in the Highlands WUI Area”

The Highlands Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area of the Fire District has been recognized for several years by Morgan’s Utah-State-appointed Fire Warden as being an area of serious concern for Wildfires involving homes, and by the Fire Adapted Communities CWDG Primer Page of the USDA Forest Service for “at-risk to homes” ratings for Wildland fires of 85%, National Hazard Potential to homes of 97%, and Utah MRAP rating of Moderate to High.

The Fire District has operated a Chipper Day program for seven years in order to assist homeowners in disposing of mitigated brush and leafy vegetation without burning. Burning of yard debris of any kind produces embers which may threaten the adjacent wildland and other homes in Highlands WUI area.

It is with the above considerations in mind that the Fire District hereby prohibits all burning of leaves, grasses, branches, trash, yard waste and all other unwanted items. No burn barrels are allowed. No burn permits will be issued to burn fields or ditches within the Highlands area, as defined by the area bordered by or intersecting with, Highlands Drive, Creekside Drive, Weber Drive, and Woodland Drive. This area includes all streets which intersect with the aforementioned streets or are contained within the boundaries formed by these streets.

Gas-powered fire pits or barbeques are encouraged in Wildland areas. Utah State-approved cooking or warming fires are approved under the following conditions:

* Fire pits of durable material three feet or less in diameter, equipped with a screen.
* Fires must be 2 feet in height or less.
* No fires within 15 feet of buildings. Overhead space to trees must be minimum 20 feet.
* No fires, including chimineas, on wooden decks.
* Logs are the only approved fuel for the fire. No leaves, twigs, yard or construction debris, Christmas trees, paper, etc., all of which create embers that can travel.
* No accelerants are to be used to start fires.
* Pressurized firefighting water must be on hand at all times.
* Fire must not be left unattended at any time.
* Homeowner is responsible for any subsequent fires started by their fire, particularly fires that were considered “out”.
* Fires must be cold to touch before being declared “out”.

There will be no burning of any kind, including fire pits, during fire restrictions, including those enacted by the Fire District and/or Utah DNR State Forester, or on Red Flag Warning Days.