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PRESS RELEASE

Elbert County Board of County Commissioners **Burn Restriction Level lifted to Stage I** **Effective May 12th, 2010**

On Wednesday, May 12th, 2010, The Elbert County Board of County Commissioners, at the recommendation of the Elbert County Fire Chiefs Association, downgraded the county wide burn ban for all unincorporated areas of Elbert County back to a Stage I level. This will remain in effect until further notice. Recent moisture received in the county has reduced the fire danger.

Under the Stage I restrictions, **no open burning is allowed**. The safe use of charcoal and gas grills are allowed and not affected by this ban. As always, contact your local fire protection district for burn permits. Violation of the burn restriction carries penalties for 1st time offenses of \$110.00 as set forth in the county burn restriction ordinance 06-01.

Fire danger is lower. High winds and a few warm days can quickly dry out prairie grasses and create fire fuels. With the Memorial day holiday just around the corner, please use extreme caution with permissible fireworks. For more information on permissible fireworks, contact your local fire protection district, or visit http://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/dept_emergency.php for firework guidance.

For further information call the Elbert County Office of Emergency Management at 303.805.6131 or your local Fire Protection District.