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Town of Bennett Reminds Residents About the Importance of Fire Safety

Town of Bennett, Colo. – On Sunday June 10, 2018 a fire was reported on Old Victory Road and quickly grew to about 80 acres of land. At the time four homes were threatened and a heavy air tanker was called to drop fire retardant. As of 7:30 p.m. Sunday June 10, 2018 the fire was 80% contained and evacuations had been lifted.

Due to this large scale fire, the Town of Bennett would like to remind its residents about the importance of fire safety. Here are some tips you can follow in order to keep your community safe:

- Be aware when there are red flag warnings or burn bans in place for your community
- Don't start a burn on a windy day. Save it for another time
- Ensure family members know how to use gas, electric and water shut-off controls
- Plan and practice different escape routes from your neighborhood
- Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross, FEMA or similar organizations
- Always make sure your fire is completely doused or smothered with dirt before leaving

In the Town of Bennett fires may only be built in fireplaces or on grills constructed for that purpose.

If you have a need to perform an Open Burn of any kind in the Bennett Fire Protection District, you need to contact the Fire Bureau prior to the event. Specially trained personnel consistently evaluate fire conditions throughout our District. While an area may visually seem safe to burn in, there may be unseen factors present that could initiate a dangerous situation.

Contact the Fire Bureau to assist in your planning, this ensures that your site and preparations are reviewed for safety, and that you have obtained a burn permit to ensure that your burn is a legal one.

If you have any questions about fire safety our Town restrictions please contact Public Works at (303)644-3249 ext. 1004 or visit www.townofbennett.org.

The Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue Serves the Town of Bennett and its surrounding areas. More information on Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue can be found online at www.colorado.gov/bennettwatkinsfire or by calling (303)644-3572.

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