



October 30, 2025

Alpine Fire District
220 US Highway 89
Alpine, WY 83128

Alpine Town Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the work session to discuss the Fireworks Ordinance and the Open Burning Ordinance. I have reviewed 295 Ordinance No. 2022-13. I would like to make some suggestions

Section C -- Remove Alpine Fire Department

The inspection fee should be part to the Permit Fee and should be completed by the Town Code Official. The Alpine Fire District is a separate organization and should not be listed in Town Ordinances, like not listing the Sheriff Department on Ordinances.

Section D -- Remove Chief of Alpine to approve site plan.

The Chief of Alpine Fire District is not AHJ and does not have knowledge of agreements and property lines and permissions. If the Alpine Fire District was AHJ the sales of Fireworks would be prohibited.

Section E—Include all 3 types of sale guidelines.

- NFPA 1124 Retail Sales Facility--- the Fireworks Store
- NFPA 1124 Retail Sales Stands--- the tents
- NFPA 1124 Retail sales Stores--- Broulims

Open Burning---272 Ordinance # 2020-01

This issue is more difficult to control. The best advice is to try and be consistent with the Lincoln County rules and DEQ. If there is compliance there should not be any issues or fire dangers. Most problems are the size and materials being burnt. The larger fires emit more embers and increase the chances of fire spreading. The materials that are not natural cause toxic smoke that are a nuisance and unhealthy. In the Town of Alpine, it is easier to address the open fire issues due to the smaller area of responsibility. But it is harder to convince folks to the rules when all around Alpine the County has limited rules for open burns.

The Alpine Fire District has worked hard to address the dangers of wildland fires in the Wildland Urban Interface. The Alpine Area Wildfire Protection Coalition was formed over 5 years ago and has worked hard to educate the public about wildfire awareness, home hazard evaluations and maintaining a community slash pile. The AAWPC is now updating the 2015 Community Wildfire Protection Plan with the County. An independent firm has been hired to evaluate the fire risk County wide, set priority areas and critical infrastructure risks. In the last two CWPP plans Alpine has been rated number one in risk priority.

So, any measure of safety and preventative measures will go a long way.

Mike Vogt, Fire Chief
Alpine Fire District