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The United States have been in the worst drought since the 1930s which was the Dustbowl era.

With so much dry weather and not a sufficient amount of rain, there is a higher risk of fires.

Last year, around this time, the local fire departments were in and out with many calls for pasture and grass fires.

Many of the fires last year were caused by lightning or other natural causes because it was so dry.

With all of the dry grass and wind the local areas have been receiving lately a fire could spread very easily.

In Colorado, there has been an ongoing fight between firefighters and the raging flames.

The fire in Colorado was started by lightning and has burned 13,521 acres since June 19t

The Wauneta Fire Department asks all people to just be careful when using things that could potentially be flammable.

If using machinery or torches or even cigarettes, be cautious. "Things are more likely to light up now because of the lack of moisture" Bob Going, fire chief of Wauneta, says.

There have been a few rains that have kept things in the local areas green but grasses and

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pastures keep drying out from the lack of moisture.

The fourth of July is coming soon. When asked if people should be concerned about fireworks mixing with the dry weather Goings says, "Anything can happen. People just need to remember to use their heads and stay safe."

There is not a ban on fireworks this year, but it could be a concern. Just remember to stay safe and pick spots that don't have dead grass or trees around them when setting off fireworks.