

RESOLUTION NO. 22-23 OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Natrona County Commissioners are empowered by Wyoming Statutes 35-9-301 through 35-9-304 to close areas when fire danger in the county is extreme because of drought, the presence of any excessive amount of flammable material or for any other sufficient reason; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Natrona County Commissioners are empowered by Wyoming Statute 35-10-208(a)(i) to prohibit the sale or use of fireworks by adopting a resolution pursuant to Wyoming Statute 35-9-301; and

WHEREAS, the County Fire Warden has recommended fire restrictions and prohibition on the use of fireworks on all state and private lands within Natrona County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Natrona County Commissioners find that there is a potentially severe to extreme danger of fire due to conditions of drought and excessively dry fuel load within the county that could be aggravated by open burning and the use of incendiary devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF NATRONA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

1. Effective August 1, 2023 at 12:01 a.m., until further notice of this Board, Stage One Fire Restrictions, including any open fire or discharge of any class of fireworks is prohibited on all state and private land including, but not limited to, all lands owned by Natrona County or in which Natrona County holds or owns an interest, in the unincorporated areas of Natrona County, subject to the following exceptions:

Stage One Fire Restriction Exemptions:

- a. Only campfires at residences or campsites, within a fire ring centered within a minimum of a 15 ft. cleared radius of burnable materials are permitted;
 - b. Trash or refuse burned between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. inside containers equipped with spark arresters that are located within a cleared radius of a minimum of 15 ft. of burnable materials.
 - c. Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.
 - d. Use of acetylene cutting, electric arc welders, or metal grinding, in a cleared radius of a minimum of 15 ft. of burnable materials is permitted.
 - e. The use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or fully enclosed (shepherd type) stove and open fire branding activities in a cleared radius of 15 ft. is permitted.
2. The County Fire Warden shall promptly notify the Board of County Commissioners of any changes in the severity of the fire danger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that penalties provided in Wyoming Statute 35-9-304 may be imposed for violation of this resolution; specifically, a fine not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days or both, to which may be added costs of restitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Fire Warden shall immediately notify the Wyoming State Forester of said resolution, or any amendment to or rescission of said resolution as provided by Wyoming State Statute 35-9-301. Public notification shall occur pursuant to the Board of Land Commissioners' Rules and Regulations, Chapter Nine.

Passed and approved this 1st day of August 2023.



ATTEST:

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING



Steven Freel, Chairman




Tracy Good, Natrona County Clerk

My term of office expires
January 4, 2027

My term expires 2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM
NATRONA COUNTY ATTORNEY
HEATHER DUNCAN-MALONE

BY: 
DATE: 7/21/2023