

RESOLUTION 29-2016

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN MADISON COUNTY

WHEREAS, high temperatures and low precipitation have occurred within Madison County during the month of July, 2016 resulting in dry fuel conditions, poor soil moisture conditions and low water supplies which have contributed to a **HIGH** wildland fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area, and

WHEREAS, on July 1st and on July 22nd, 2016 Madison County experienced wildfires due to dry fuel conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **Stage One Fire Restrictions** are in effect for all private lands in Madison County, due to **HIGH** wildland fire danger, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all activities that might potentially cause a fire shall cease immediately and be prohibited until further notice. Activities that might cause a fire include but are not limited to:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site or improved site.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Any use of fireworks or other explosive devices.

EXEMPTIONS:

- a. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- b. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- c. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- d. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- e. All land within a municipal boundary is exempt unless imposed locally.
- f. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

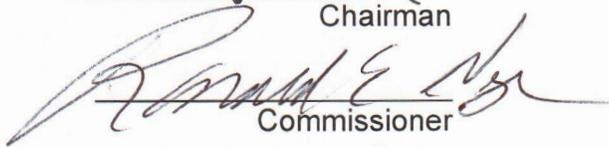
g. Big Sky Fire District will be exempt and will impose restrictions at their discretion due to difference in fuel conditions compared to the rest of the county.

AN EXEMPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes effective at 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) on August 2nd, 2016 and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Madison County Board of Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Madison County Board of County Commissioners this the 15th day of August, 2016.


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Clerk and Recorder