

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-014

ESTABLISHING PARTIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR ALBANY COUNTY

WHEREAS, based upon recommendation of the County Fire Warden, the Board of Albany County Commissioners are empowered by Wyoming Statute §35-9-301 through §35-9-304 to close areas to fire 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 County Fire Warden has recommended restrictions on specified activities on all non-federal land within Albany County; and

WHEREAS the Board of Albany County Commissioners finds there is an extreme danger of fire throughout Albany County because of drought conditions and there is a presence of an excessive amount of flammable materials and the high fire danger is aggravated by open burning and the use of incendiary devices.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALBANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

- 1) Effective August 10, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. until further notice of this Board, any open fire, discharge of any Explosives Division 1.4 (common fireworks) or Division 1.3 Display Fireworks and the discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition is prohibited on all non-federal land within Albany County. The prohibition is subject to the following exceptions:
 - a) Trash or refuse burned between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. inside containers that are equipped with spark arresters and located within a cleared area that has at least ten (10) foot radius, and comply with all other laws and requirements.
 - b) Camp fires contained within an established fire ring at an established campground and located within a cleared area that has at least a ten (10) foot radius.
 - c) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills.
 - d) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders provided the torches or welders are used within cleared area with at least a ten (10) foot radius.
 - e) Propane or open fire branding activities provided the branding activities are conducted within a cleared area with at least a ten (10) foot radius.
 - f) Use of chainsaws provided the chainsaws have spark arresters properly installed and functioning.
 - g) Federal, State or local fire or law enforcement officers participating in fire, emergency, and law enforcement activities.
 - h) Public-sponsored fireworks display which are coordinated with the County Fire Warden or his designee.
- 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 violations of this resolution; specifically, a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days or both, to which may be added cost of restitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Fire Warden shall immediately notify the Wyoming State Forester of the limitations provided for by this Resolution, as well as any and all Commissioners' Rules and Regulations and shall assist in public notification by posting the order and circulating it to all local media.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2 day of August 2016.



Tim Sullivan, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


for Jackie R. Gonzales
Albany County Clerk