

RESOLUTION NO. 25-21

RESOLUTION PLACING **STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS** ON NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING, DUE TO FIRE DANGER

WHEREAS, the Natrona County Fire Warden, after consultation with the Natrona County Fire District, the Casper Mountain Fire District, and the Bureau of Land Management have agreed to recommended the **Stage 1 Fire Restrictions** in all areas within the boundaries of Natrona County, Wyoming, to outdoor fires and fireworks on all private and county lands in Natrona County; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management has imposed a Stage 1 Fire Restriction on BLM lands in Natrona County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Natrona County is currently approaching drought conditions and fire danger is high; and

WHEREAS, W.S. §§ 35-9-301 and 302 provide authority to the Board of County Commissioners in the State of Wyoming, if certain conditions are met, to "...close the area to any form of use by the public or may limit such use upon the recommendation of the county fire warden, including prohibition of any type of open fire...for such period of time as the board of county commissioners may deem necessary and proper;" and

WHEREAS, Natrona County has the inherent power and authority to regulate, limit and prohibit activities and uses of lands and premises owned by Natrona County, Wyoming, or in which Natrona County holds a legal interest; and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the Natrona County Fire Warden, and the information provided by him to this Board of County Commissioners, it is deemed necessary and proper to prohibit and limit the use of open fires and incendiary devices as outlined in the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Natrona County, Wyoming, for so long as fire danger conditions continue to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Natrona County, Wyoming, that effective commencing **June 23, 2021**, the open fires, fireworks and other fire related activities on all private, county, and, to the extent not inconsistent with other closure orders such as State or Federal, lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, is hereby place **Stage 1 Restrictions** as follows:

Stage 1 Restrictions:

- (i) Discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in unimproved areas.
- (ii) Only campfires at residences or campsites, within a fire ring centered within a minimum of a 15ft. cleared radius of burnable materials are allowed.
- (iii) Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.,

inside containers provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared radius of a minimum of 15ft. of burnable materials are allowed.

- (iv) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.
- (v) Use of acetylene cutting, electric arc welders, or metal grinding in a cleared radius of 15ft. of burnable materials are allowed.
- (vi) 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 15ft of burnable materials is permitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalties provided in W.S. § 35-9-304 may be improved for violations of this resolution, to wit: A fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or imprisonment in the Natrona County Jail not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Natrona County Fire Warden shall notify the Wyoming State Forester at 2211 Dey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002, of the restrictions provided in this resolution as well as any and all subsequent modifications hereto and/or rescission hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this fire restriction shall stay in effect until further notice from the Natrona County Fire Warden.

DATED this 23rd day of June 2021.



ATTEST:

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING


Paul C. Bertoglio, Chairman


Cindy Rissler, Chief-Deputy County Clerk

My term of office expires
January 3, 2023