

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the vegetation conditions in Bannock County are extremely dry; and with proper notice of said conditions and upon recommendation from the Bannock County Sheriff to the Bannock County Commissioners and pursuant to Idaho Code §§39-2609(4) and 39-2602 and Bannock County Ordinance 1992-2; and

WHEREAS, there have been several fires in the area in the past and severe wildfires throughout Bannock County; and

WHEREAS, it is a commonly known fact that open fire under such dry conditions can create the potential for wildfire endangering persons and property of Bannock County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bannock County, Idaho, are granted authority under Bannock County Ordinance 1992-2 to prohibit open fires in any unincorporated areas that constitute a severe fire threat based on the vegetative conditions during the fire season; and

WHEREAS, under Idaho Code §31-2227, the Bannock County Sheriff has the primary responsibility of enforcing all penal statutes of the State of Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on July 1, 2022, a ban on certain types of fires was put in place for most parts of Bannock County: Inkom, Downy, Arimo, McCammon, Lava, Pocatello Valley, Chubbuck, Pocatello, and North Bannock Fire District. Many of the fire officials from the municipalities and fire districts throughout Bannock County worked together to create a unified burn ban with the intent of reducing the risk of wildfires.

No open burning or recreational fires are allowed within the Wildland-Urban Interface Areas of Bannock County because of current fire danger and fuel moisture levels. The use of commercial gas fire pits and appliances designed for food prep, such as gas grills and/or charcoal briquettes, are exempted from the ban when used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Only non-aerial fireworks are allowed in non-wildland urban interface areas. Per Idaho State Code §39-2610, no aerial fireworks are allowed anywhere except for approved professional firework displays.

"I strongly encourage all citizens to heed the ban and potentially save the lives and homes of fellow residents", said Pocatello Fire Marshall Nick Christensen.

The ban, which was scheduled to expire on October 1, 2022, will remain in place until October 15, 2022 or until conditions allow it to be lifted.

Residents with questions about the burn ban are encouraged to contact their local fire department/district.

BOARD OF BANNOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



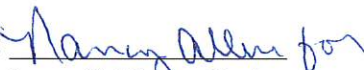
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ATTEST: 
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