

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9**  
**FIRE DANGER RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, severe to extreme fire situation exists throughout Crook County, created by a heavy fuel load and dry conditions, that could create situations that over-extend the firefighting capability of local government; and,

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statute 35-9-301 through 304 and Wyoming Board of Land Commissioners Rules and Regulations Chapter 9 Governing Fire Danger Closures provides that upon the recommendation of the County Fire Warden, the Board of Crook County Commissioners may close the unincorporated area of the county with certain exceptions, to any form of use by the public or limit such use which shall include the prohibition of any type of open fire for such periods of time as the Board may deem necessary and proper; and

WHEREAS, the County Fire Warden, Charlie Harrison, has recommended that open burning restrictions be imposed throughout the county after a reasonable time of notice; and

WHEREAS Wyoming Statutes 35-10-201 through 208 allow for the regulation of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, any violation of this resolution may be in violation of W.S. 35-9-304 punishable by up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$100.00 fine or both together with possible restitution for the cost of fire suppression and damages to others caused by the violation of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, this open burning restriction and ban on the use of fireworks shall begin immediately until rescinded by the Board unless temporarily lifted or imposed by the County Fire Warden.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES on this date to immediately impose Stage 1 Burn Restrictions as follows:

1. Stage 1 Restrictions:

(i) Discharge of fireworks, exploding target devices 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 permitted.

(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 permitted.

(iv) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.

(v) Use of acetylene cutting torches, electric arc welders, or metal grinding in a cleared radius of 15ft. burnable materials are permitted.

(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 are permitted.

2. All other open burning or outdoor fires are prohibited except as set forth above or authorized by a permit granted by the County Fire Warden. Applications for a Burn Permit are available from the County Fire Warden. If the County Fire Warden denies the Application, the matter may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners at their next regular monthly meeting by contacting the County Clerk. The County Fire Warden shall have the authority to determine the terms and conditions of the permit including requirements for proof of liability insurance with a minimum \$5 million-dollar general liability policy and a personal agreement to accept total financial responsibility for the cost of firefighting and any damages caused by the fire.

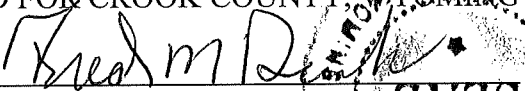
3. The ban does not include the listed exceptions set forth in Wyoming Statute 35-10-204, the areas within the incorporated cities and towns within Crook County, or federal lands managed by the

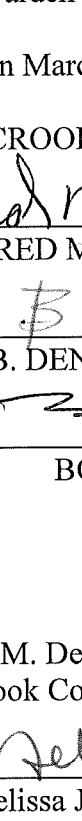
Forest Service, Devils Tower National Monument, and BLM. These entities may impose more or less restrictive regulations. The Board of County Commissioners strongly recommend that the above listed agencies ban the sale and discharge of fireworks in their jurisdictions. If permitted, there is no guarantee that County fire units will be able to respond for assistance.

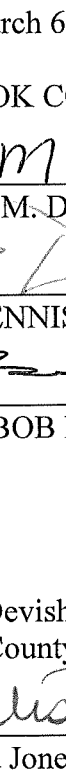
4. The following persons are exempt from the restrictions, and closure orders:
  - (a) Any federal, state, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency, and law enforcement activities.
  - (b) Any member of rescue or firefighting force engaged in performance of an official duty.
  - (c) Exceptions to these restrictions and closures can be made in writing by the appropriate jurisdictional entity.
5. **NOTICES** The County Fire Warden shall immediately provide a copy of this Resolution to the Wyoming State Forester, County Sheriff, State Land Commissioners, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Keyhole State Park and other state and federal agencies.
6. **PUBLIC NOTICES** The County Fire Warden shall immediately post the fire ban signs throughout the county and notify the public through advertisement in each newspaper published in the County, by press release to the Radio and TV stations broadcasting within Crook County, by the Public Alert system, the WYDOT 511 system, County Web Site [www.crookcounty.wy.gov](http://www.crookcounty.wy.gov) Facebook and any other method that would economically notify the public.
7. If any portion of this resolution is ruled to be not effective by a court the remaining portion of this resolution shall remain in effect.
8. The County Fire Warden has the authority to temporarily lift and or reimpose this Burn Restriction and shall provide notice as set forth in paragraph 5 and 6 above until rescinded by the Board unless temporarily lifted or reimposed by the County Fire Warden during that term.

Motion made, seconded and carried in an open meeting on March 6, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING

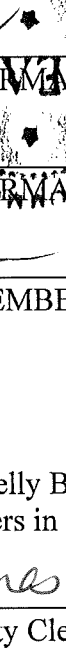
BY   
 FRED M. DEVISH, CHAIRMAN

BY   
 KELLY B. DENNIS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BY   
 BOB LATHAM, MEMBER

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 County of Crook     }

Signed or attested before me on March 6, 2024, by, Fred M. Devish, Chairman, Kelly B. Dennis, Vice-Chairman and Bob Latham, Member, Board of Crook County Commissioners in and for Crook County, Wyoming.

  
 Melissa Jones, Crook County Clerk  
 My Term Expires the First Monday in January 2027

