RESOLUTION # 220705-17

"RESOLUTION IMPOSING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR LARAMIE COUNTY AS A RESULT OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER"

WHEREAS, pursuant to W.S. § 35-9-301 through 35-9-304 the Laramie County Board of County Commissioners has the power to order the imposition of restrictions on or prohibit designated activities within the confines of Laramie County in order to limit the use of fire or fire hazard;

WHEREAS, Laramie County, Wyoming has experienced significant drought conditions due to lack of spring an early summer moisture resulting in high to extreme fire danger due the presence of excessive amounts of flammable materials;

WHEREAS, Laramie County Fire Warden has recommended to the Laramie County Board of County Commissioners that Stage 1 fire restriction be imposed for of all of Laramie County to forms of fire and fire hazards is necessary due to the fire danger; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, that the discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are hereby prohibited in Laramie County in all unincorporated areas pursuant to W.S. § 35-9-301, § 35-9-302 and Chapter 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Wyoming Board of Land Commissioners. To wit:

1) Effective July 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., until further notice of this Board, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, including any open fire or discharge of any class of fireworks is prohibited on all state and private land including, but not limited to, all lands owned by Laramie County or in which Laramie County holds or owns an interest, in the unincorporated areas of Laramie County, subject to the following restrictions/exemptions:

STAGE 1 RESTRICTIONS Restrictions/Exemptions

(a) Discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in unimproved areas.

(b) Only campfires at residences or campsites, within a fire ring centered within a minimum of a 15ft. cleared radius of burnable materials.

(c) 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.

(d) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.

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

(f) The use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or fully enclosed (sheepherder type) stove and open fire branding activities in a cleared radius of 15ft of burnable materials is permitted.

EXEMPTION FROM CLOSURE ORDERS.

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.

FURTHER, The County Fire Warden shall promptly notify the Board of County Commissioners of any changes in the severity of the fire danger.

FURTHER, that penalties provided in Wyoming Statute 35-9-304 may be imposed for violation of this resolution; specifically, a fine not to exceed one hundred ($100.00) dollars or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days or both, to which may be added costs of restitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Fire Warden shall immediately notify the Wyoming State Forester of said resolution, or any amendment to or recension of said resolution as provided by State Statute 35-9-301. Public notification shall occur pursuant to the Board of Land Commissioners' Rules and Regulations, Chapter Nine.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this 5th day of July, 2022.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Troy Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:

Mark Voss, Laramie County Attorney