

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2017- 109

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources requires a burn ban in DNR protected lands outside of a fire district, with the exception of designated campgrounds with approved fire pits; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County is currently experiencing severe dry conditions, high energy release components for fuel models, and low 1,000-hr fuel moisture contents; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Fire Marshal's Office has alerted the citizens of Kittitas County to the extent that the severe dry conditions are creating a dangerous fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, different fire danger levels exist within the fire districts due to topography and vegetation;

WHEREAS, agricultural burning is an integral part of our rural environment and shall be allowed based on Department of Ecology regulations and requirements;

WHEREAS, Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue, Fire District 1, Fire District 3, Fire District 6, Fire District 7, Fire District 8 require a full burn ban to include recreational fires and BBQ briquettes; and

WHEREAS, Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue requires a burn ban which prohibits all burning other than recreational cooking fires less than 2' x 2' but will go into a full ban when conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, Fire District 4 require a burn ban which prohibits all burning other than recreational campfires in the Riverstone Resort less than 2' x 3'; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Fire Marshal has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to implement the burn ban; and

WHEREAS, State statutes give the counties authority to issue emergency declarations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kittitas County, and in response to the continued threat of fire, declare an immediate burn ban until further notice:

THE OPEN BURNING BAN shall include, but not be limited to: Burning wood, brush, weeds and other ground cover not associated with the exempt agricultural burning, bonfires, or the open

burning of any materiel or fuel for any purpose that creates a fire hazard; or, for Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue, Fire Districts 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, wood, coal, or charcoal briquette camp fires or cook fires:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration shall be effective immediately upon signature by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Kittitas, Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be available from the Clerk of Kittitas County at the Kittitas County Board of Commissioner's office at 205 W. 5th Street, Ellensburg, Washington.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS DAY July 18 , 2017

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT

Paul Jewell, Chairman

Laura Osiadacz, Vice Chairman

Obie O'Brien, Commissioner

ATTESTED BY:

Julie Kjorsvik
Kittitas County Clerk





KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Josh Hink, Fire Marshal
Subject: Burn Ban
Date: July 12, 2017

A fire hazard currently exists in various parts of Kittitas County due to high temperatures, lowering relative humidity and low fuel moisture content of 10, 100 and 1,000 hr fuels. As Fire Marshal of Kittitas County I am imposing a prohibition against open burning and recreational fires in all of unincorporated Kittitas County. Open burning is prohibited within the boundaries of Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue. Additionally, the City of Kittitas has requested that the County include them in the burn ban.

Open Burning. The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber, and is not defined within the parameters of a recreational fire.

Recreational Fire. Outdoor burning of materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, chimera, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height, used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources state-wide burn ban on all DNR protected lands becomes effective July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, and applies to all outdoor burning. All fire districts within Kittitas County have been notified of this action.

This burn ban is in effect as of 12:00 pm on Wednesday July 12, 2017.