

RESOLUTION NO. 21-16-A

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 21-16 PLACING ADDITIONAL PARTIAL FIRE CLOSURE RESTRICTIONS ON NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING, DUE TO THE INCREASING FIRE DANGER

WHEREAS, the Natrona County Fire Warden, after consultation with the Natrona County Fire District and the Casper Mountain Fire District, has recommended the partial closing of all areas within the boundaries of Natrona County, Wyoming, to open burning and other fire related activities on all private and county lands in Natrona County; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management has imposed a fire closure resolution on BLM lands in Natrona County, Wyoming; and

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

WHEREAS, W.S. § 35-9-301 provides 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 in Natrona County, Wyoming, for so long as high fire danger conditions continue to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Natrona County, Wyoming, that effective commencing July 29th, 2016, the open burning and other fire related activities on all private, county, and, to the extent not inconsistent with other closure orders, State lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, is hereby placed under restriction as follows:

1. The building, maintaining, attending or using any campfire or charcoal is prohibited in Natrona County, except as follows:
 - a. Fires use in industrial or agricultural operations: and
 - b. Charcoal grills within the boundaries of any municipality.
2. The use of tracer ammunition is prohibited.
3. No smoking or disposal of any lighted match, cigar or cigarette or other burning substance except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
4. Discharging and detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
5. No acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welding except in areas devoid of all vegetation.
6. No propane or open fire branding activities except in corral areas in ranch complexes considered to be improved and cleared of all vegetation matter.
7. No operation of chainsaws without spark arrestor and either one 2 ½ lb. or larger dry chemical fire extinguisher or an adequate supply of water and a shovel in case of a fire. These fire tools may be kept with the operator's gas

supply, but must be available in the immediate vicinity of the chainsaw operations.

8. Additional restrictions on allowed uses, in particular areas, may be imposed due to adverse weather, range and fuel conditions (i.e. Red Flag Days), at the discretion and advice of the County Fire Warden, Natrona County Fire District and Casper Mountain Fire Districts inclusive.

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 1100 W. 22nd Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002, of the partial closure and 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 closure shall stay in effect until further notice from the Natrona County Fire Warden.

DATED this 26th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:

Tracy Good
Tracy Good, Chief Deputy County Clerk

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING

Forrest Chadwick
Forrest Chadwick, Chairman

My term of office expires
January 7, 2019