



**CHEYENNE / LARAMIE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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NEWS RELEASE

*******FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*******

As of 5pm on Tuesday September 6, 2011, the Laramie County Commissioners have approved a partial burn restriction resolution. As presented below.

RESOLUTION # _____

**“RESOLUTION IMPOSING PARTIAL CLOSURE OF LARAMIE COUNTY AS A RESULT OF
EXTREME FIRE DANGER”**

WHEREAS, pursuant to W.S. § 35-9-301 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 fuel loading resulting in high to extreme fire danger due the presence of excessive amounts of flammable materials; and the presence of seasonal ambient temperatures that have contributed to Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches; wild-land fires are expected to impact available suppression resources; and

WHEREAS, Laramie County Fire Warden has recommended to the Laramie County Board of County Commissioners that a partial closure 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 and Chapter 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Wyoming Board of Land Commissioners. To wit:

1) As of 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2011, the discharge of fireworks and their sale to Wyoming residents in Laramie County and all outdoor fires are prohibited in Laramie County except as provided below. This prohibition shall continue until rescinded by the Laramie County Board of Commissioners.

- 2) That the following rules shall govern the unincorporated areas of Laramie County, Wyoming:
- i) Camp fires are permitted if contained within an established fire ring at an established campground.
 - ii) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.
 - iii) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten feet in radius is permitted.
 - iv) Propane used for or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten feet in radius are permitted.
 - v) Petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are only permitted if such devices meet the fire underwriters' specifications for safety.
 - vi) Smoking is prohibited except within enclosed vehicles or buildings, developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. Cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco must be extinguished and disposed of properly and are prohibited from being thrown from vehicles.
 - vii) Internal or external combustion engines including chainsaws, ATV's and motorcycles shall have approved spark arrestors.
 - viii) Use of chainsaw is permitted, if it has a proper spark arrestor, and a shovel and pressurized fire extinguisher are present at the site.
 - ix) Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. shall be inside a container provided with a spark arrester (heavy mesh screen with web no larger than 1/4 inch openings) and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius, are permitted, provided that said fires are attended at all times by a competent person.
- 3) The ban does not include the listed exceptions set forth in Wyoming Statute 35-10-204 or the areas within the incorporated cities or towns within Laramie County that may be more restrictive.
- 4) The County Fire Warden shall immediately provide a copy of this Resolution to the County Sheriff, State Land Commission, Bureau of Land Management and State Forester.
- 5) The County Fire Warden shall notify the public through advertisement in the newspaper, by press release to the Radio and TV Stations broadcasting within Laramie County, by the Public Alert system and any other method that would economically notify the public.

For additional information or questions regarding this partial ban, please contact the Laramie County Fire Warden, Bill McHenry at 633-4335 or bmchenry@laramiecounty.com.