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Effective April 7, 2020 at 10am

BURN BAN IN EFFECT FOR PARK COUNTY

The following acts are **PROHIBITED** on **ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY** until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, including charcoal.
2. Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads or trails.
4. Blasting, welding or other activities, which generate flame or flammable material.
5. Fireworks and model rocketry.
6. **Target shooting and recreational shooting is prohibited, including the Forestry areas. The only exception to this will be the Como shooting range where only lead bullets are authorized. No copper or hard-metal jacketed ammunition is authorized.**
7. Operating a chain saw without a 10lb ABC or 2 ½ gallon pressurized or equivalent fire extinguisher, and large size pointed shovel readily available for quick use.

Exceptions:

1. Persons with a written exemption from the Sheriff that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Approved fully contained outdoor wood burning furnace/boiler.
5. For commercial operations authorized under contract or permit, internal and external combustion engines may be operated as approved by the Forest Service within designated areas.
6. Licensed hunters that are **actively pursuing game**.

This decision was not made easily, but only after discussion with the local Fire Chiefs was it determined that this is the best course of action. Yes, we are aware that there is still snow in some areas and that the forecast is calling for more snow. Please be patient with this decision as there are other factors involved. Please abide by the County Ordinance 19-01. Citations for violations will start at \$500 and increase to \$1000.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sheriff Tom McGraw