

FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION
For
Grant County, North Dakota
Date: March 6, 2024

WHEREAS, Grant County, North Dakota has endured periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, Grant County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens in Grant County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Grant County resources; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Commission wishes to regulate activities within Grant County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Grant County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the **High, Very High or Extreme Rating and/or Red Flag Warning** for Grant County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded or through December 31, 2024.

What's Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below <i>Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS (ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4)</i>	
Low	No restrictions. Controlled burns and cropland/ag burning must follow Grant County's controlled burn procedure.
Moderate	No restrictions. Controlled burns and cropland/ag burning must follow Grant County's controlled burn procedure.
High	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), and garbage/pit.
Very High	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), and garbage/pit.
Extreme	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), and garbage/pit.

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**Red Flag
Warning**

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**THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR
(NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE).**

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov>

DATED at Carson, North Dakota this 6th day of *March, 2024*

Alton Zenker, Chair
Grant County Commission

Sara Meier
Grant County Auditor