



MORTON COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN/RESTRICTION
Tied Directly to the Daily Fire Danger Rating
May 11, 2023

WHEREAS, the Morton County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Morton County, North Dakota has potential for dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

WHEREAS, Morton County has sustained or has been threatened with rural fires in the past and the Morton County Department of Emergency Management has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be far in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morton County Board of Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban/Restriction effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the High, Very High or Extreme Rating and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Morton County, North Dakota, effective immediately thru December 2023.

What's Included (when the ND Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is High, Very High, Extreme, or Red Flag Warning)

No Open Burning: Includes the ignition of fireworks, burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage/pits, construction debris, fallen trees, crop residue or hay land, sloughs, and campfires/bonfires/recreation fire.

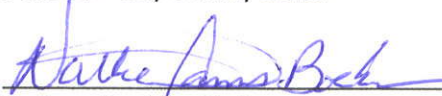
What's Excluded

Controlled Devices: Only when device(s) (gas, charcoal, wood-fired/pellet grills, patio fireplaces and chimineas, gas camp stoves, and smokers/pellet grills) is/are on a hard, non-organic surface and 15' away from vegetation and an extinguisher or water is available on site.

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN BAN IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND \$1,500 FINE).

The Daily Fire Danger Rating can be found at the following Web site: <https://ndresponse.gov/>

DATED at Mandan, North Dakota this 11th day of May 2023.


Nathan Boehm, Chairman
Morton County Commission