



**NOTICE FROM JOHNSON COUNTY FIRE
WARDEN**

Attention Johnson County Residents:

Due to abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions, Powder River Fire District and Johnson County Fire District are requesting that the fire restrictions be implemented throughout Johnson County Wyoming. These restrictions are defined in the attached Resolution 710.

Fire Restrictions will go into effect on June 27, 2024 by order of Johnson County Fire Warden, Thomas (Tiddle) Camino.

Thomas Tiddle Camino

Delegation of Authority for Open Burning Restrictions

RESOLUTION 710

WHEREAS, the Board of Johnson County Commissioners, pursuant to W.S. §35-9-301, has the authority to limit open burning on recommendation of the County Fire Warden; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Fire Warden has real time information and updates to fire danger in Johnson County and surrounding areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Johnson County Commissioners delegates authority to the Johnson County Fire Warden to establish the start and end date of all future fire restrictions based on threat assessment of environmental conditions. This authority will enable the Fire Warden to act in expert capacity to expedite open burning restrictions which warrant an immediate change rather than delayed for a meeting of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners.

1. It will be the responsibility of the Fire Warden of Johnson County to coordinate dissemination of open burning status to the following agencies/individuals:
 - a. Johnson County Sheriff's Office
 - b. Johnson County Emergency Management
 - c. Buffalo Police Department
2. This authority includes the period designated for the sale and use of fireworks by approved vendors.
 - a. Restricted Activities:
 - i. Open Fires – All open fires are prohibited except as set out in this paragraph. An open fire is any outdoor fire, including but not limited to: campfire, warming fires, bonfires, firepits, or the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, trash and debris. Between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 am, the burning of trash and debris inside containers provided with spark arrester and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius is allowed.
 - ii. Fireworks – The use of fireworks
 - iii. Explosives – The use of tracer or steel-core ammunition, exploding targets, or electronic or traditional fuses or sparks to ignite explosive material, such as for rockets, cannons, or mortars.
 - iv. Disposal – Disposal of any burning object outdoors, including without limitation any cigarette, cigar, or match.
 - v. Chainsaws – Operation of a chainsaw is prohibited unless the chainsaw has a properly installed spark arrester.

- vi. Commercial and Industrial Operations – Blasting, grinding, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with an open flame unless used in cleared areas with a minimum of a ten-foot radius.
 - vii. Grills, Stoves, and Smokers – The use of grills and smokers is allowed in an improved area regardless of fuel type. Only gas grills are allowed in unimproved areas.
 - viii. Restrictions will be enforced below an elevation of 7,000 feet.
- b. Exceptions:
- i. Federal, state, and local fire or law enforcement officers participating in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners.

RESOLVED this 1st day of August 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHNSON COUNTY, WYOMING



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County Clerk

