

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, § 35-10-208 and Chapter 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Wyoming Board of Land Commissioners. To wit:

1) As of 8:00 A.M. on July 22nd, 2020, 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 This prohibition shall continue until rescinded by the Laramie County Board of Commissioners.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) Under a partial closure, discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in unimproved areas, except as provided below:

- a) Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 am, inside containers provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius are permitted**
- b) Camp fires contained within an established fire ring at an established campground are permitted**
- c) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted**
- d) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten feet in radius are permitted**
- e) Propane or open branding activities in cleared areas ten feet in radius are permitted**

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 or any other method that would economically notify the public.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gunnar Malm, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:

Mark Voss, Laramie County Attorney