

# LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM PROCESSING FORM

1. DATE OF PROPOSED ACTION: July 19, 2016

2. AGENDA ITEM: ☐ Appointments ☐ Bids/Purchases ☐ Claims  
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3. DEPARTMENT: Laramie County Emergency Management

APPLICANT: Fire Warden

AGENT: Matt Butler

4. DESCRIPTION: Consideration of imposing a Full Burn Ban for Laramie County.

5. DOCUMENTATION: 1 Original

Request 1 copy returned to Fire Warden.

RECEIVED AND APPROVED AS  
TO FORM ONLY BY THE  
LARAMIE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Clerks Use Only:

Commissioner

Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Heath \_\_\_\_\_  
Ash \_\_\_\_\_  
Thompson \_\_\_\_\_  
Kailey \_\_\_\_\_  
Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Postponed/Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures

Co Attny \_\_\_\_\_  
Assist Co Attny \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
Outside Agency \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**“RESOLUTION IMPOSING FULL 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 full closure of Laramie County 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 of Laramie County pursuant to W.S. § 35-9-301, § 35-10-208 and Chapter 9 subsection (b) 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a. m. on July 20, 2016, all outdoor fires are prohibited in Laramie County.** This prohibition shall continue until rescinded by the Laramie County Board of Commissioners.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) All outdoor fires, including, but not limited to, trash fires, charcoal fires, acetylene torches, electric arc welders, grills fueled by any pressurized liquid, and propane burners, are prohibited.
- ii) Discharge of fireworks is prohibited.
- iii) Smoking is prohibited except within enclosed vehicles or buildings, developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. Cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco must be extinguished and disposed of properly and are prohibited from being thrown from vehicles.
- iv) Use of motorized equipment or tools shall be restricted to cleared areas ten feet in radius.
- v) Fires within fireplaces and woodstoves without chimney or flue screens are prohibited.

3) The ban does not include the listed exceptions set forth in Wyoming Statute 35-10-204, those exemptions covered in chapter 9, section 10 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 19th day of July, 2016.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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K.N. Buck Holmes, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:



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Mark Voss, Laramie County Attorney