



TAOS COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24

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A RESOLUTION DECLARING HAZARDOUS FIRE CONDITIONS AND IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN FIRES, SMOKING AND OTHER IGNITION SOURCES

WHEREAS, Taos County has ordained that below average precipitation and high fuel loadings combines with high winds continue drying out fine fuels throughout Taos County; and

WHEREAS, consistent with its authority to provide for the safety and to preserve the health and welfare of the residents of Taos County pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 4-37-1 the following restrictions are being imposed effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be consistent with the New Mexico State Forestry Order 2022-01 "Smoking, Fireworks, Campfire, and Open Fire Restrictions for New Mexico."

RESTRICTIONS:

- **OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED:** Agricultural burning; bonfires; burning of explosives and fireworks; campfires, ceremonial fires; controlled burning; outdoor cooking fires; outdoor heating fires; hot torch burning; open burning; open flames; slash piles; outdoor smoking and weed burning.
- **SMOKING OUTDOORS IS PROHIBITED:** Smoking is restricted to designated area, within structures, or inside vehicles equipped with ashtrays and on paved, cemented or surfaced areas with at least three foot in diameter that is cleared in flammable materials.
- **EXCEPTIONS:** Cooking and heating devices that use kerosene, or propane as fuel if used with adequate fire protection and defensible space; commercial grade smokers with adequate fire protection and defensible space; commercially constructed personal smokers with adequate fire protection and defensible space. Charcoal barbeque grills and coal-burning stoves are permitted, provided that they are located in an area devoid of flammable vegetation or ground fuels within 30 feet of the grill or stove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves that the fire restrictions listed above are hereby imposed and will remain in effect until conditions improve and this resolution is either rescinded or suspended by another.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

PASSES, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of May, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TAOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

DARLENE VIGIL

Darlene J. Vigil, Chairperson

Attest:

Valerie Montoya
Valerie Montoya, Taos County Clerk

Vote Record:

D Vigil	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Absent
A. Brush	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Absent
J. Fambro	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Absent
M. Gallegos	Yes	No	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>
C O'Donnell	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved as to legal form:

Randy M. Autio

Randy Autio, Contract County Attorney

