

## RESOLUTION 22-2017

### A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A BURN BAN IN MADISON COUNTY

WHEREAS, high temperatures and low precipitation have occurred within Madison County during the month of July, 2017 resulting in dry fuel conditions, poor soil moisture conditions and low water supplies which have contributed to a **HIGH** wildland fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area, and

WHEREAS, on July 1<sup>st</sup> and on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Madison County experienced numerous wildfires due to dry fuel conditions.

WHEREAS, On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 The Governor of Montana declared a statewide fire emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **A Burn Ban** is in effect for all private lands in Madison County, due to **HIGH** wildland fire danger, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all activities that might potentially cause a fire shall cease immediately and be prohibited until further notice. Activities that might cause a fire include but are not limited to:

#### **NOT ALLOWED:**

- No open burning of any kind.
- No use of fireworks.

#### **ALLOWED:**

- Fires within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, fireplaces within buildings, charcoal grill
- fires within developed residential or commercial areas, and fires within wood burning stoves within buildings only.
- Fire suppression or fire department training fires.
- Small recreational fires at developed picnic or campground sites contained in fixed permanent metal/steel fire pits (ROCK RINGS ARE CONSIDERED TEMPORARY NOT PERMANENT) with flame lengths not in excess of three feet.
- Residential use of charcoal grills, Tiki torches, fires in chimeneas or other portable fireplaces or patio fire pits, as long as the fires are supervised by a responsible person at least 18 years old.

- Professional fireworks displays approved by the District Fire Chief for the location of the event.
- Persons with written permit that authorizes the prohibited act (permits obtained through Madison County Fire Warden or Local District Fire Chief)
- Federal Lands are not included in this County Burn Ban please check with USFS Office for federal land status or visit [www.firerestrictions.us/mt/](http://www.firerestrictions.us/mt/)
- Check with local municipalities for ordinances or resolutions.
- Big Sky Fire District is exempt from this ban and any restrictions will be at the discretion of the Big Sky Fire Chief

**AN EXEMPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes effective at 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Madison County Board of Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Madison County Board of County Commissioners this the \_\_\_\_\_..

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Clerk and Recorder

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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