



TAOS COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-30

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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 combined with high winds continue drying out of 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, sections 4-37-1 and Taos County Ordinance No. 2018-3, the following restrictions are being imposed effective immediately:

RESTRICTIONS:

- **OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED:** Agricultural burning; bonfires; burning of explosives and fireworks; campfires; ceremonial fires; controlled burning; outdoor cooking fires; outdoor heating fires; outdoor welding and hot torch burning; open burning; open flames; slash piles; outdoor smoking; and weed burning
- **SMOKING OUTDOORS IS PROHIBITED:** Smoking is restricted to designated areas, 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 of flammable materials.
- **CHARCOAL BARBECUE GRILLS AND COAL-BURNING STOVES ARE CLASSIFIED AS CAMPFIRES AND ARE PROHIBITED.**
- **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.
- **ENFORCEABILITY:** Pursuant to Taos County Ordinance 2018-3 any individual, firm, partnership, or other entity found violating this Resolution shall be deemed guilty of a petty misdemeanor and may be punished by imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days, or a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00), or both. If any article, section or provision of this Resolution is deemed invalid or void, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall be enforced accordingly.

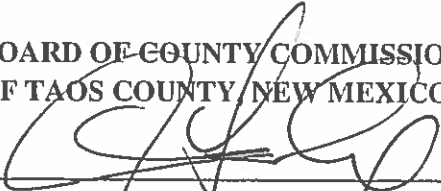
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves that the fire restrictions listed above are hereby imposed and will remain in effect until conditions improve and this resolution is either rescinded or suspended by another.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, This 15 day of May, 2018.

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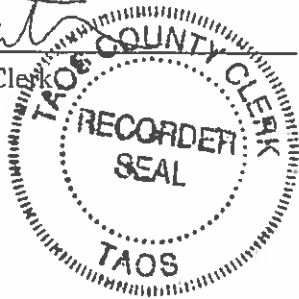


Candyce O'Donnell, Commissioner


Attest:



Anna Martinez, Taos County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



Randy Aulin, Contract County Attorney

