

FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION
For
Mountrail County, North Dakota
March 7th, 2025

WHEREAS, Mountrail County, North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of D-3 and D-4 level drought conditions with significant vegetative fuels available to burn; and

WHEREAS, combined with warm temperatures and windy conditions, the chance of a fire burning out of control is very high; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, Mountrail County, has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens in Mountrail County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Mountrail County resources; and

WHEREAS, Mountrail County, wishes to regulate activities within the Mountrail County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mountrail County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the High, Very High, or Extreme Rating or a Red Flag Warning, has been issued for Mountrail County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded.

What's Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below	
<i>Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS (<u>ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4</u>)</i>	
High	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Very High	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Extreme	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
Red Flag Warning	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE).

This declaration is for Mountrail County. However, the incorporated cities and tribal governments within the county may have their own permanent burn restrictions based on local ordinances. Please check with the cities and areas you may live in before doing any burning.

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov>

DATED at Mountrail County, North Dakota this 7th day of March 2025.



____ Trudy Ruland, Chair
Mountrail County Commission



Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor
Mountrail County