

**FIRE DISASTER DECLARATION  
And  
AUTOMATIC BURN BAN PROCLAMATION  
For  
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

WHEREAS, Mountrail County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, Mountrail County has either sustained or been threatened with fires within the entire County as of this date; and

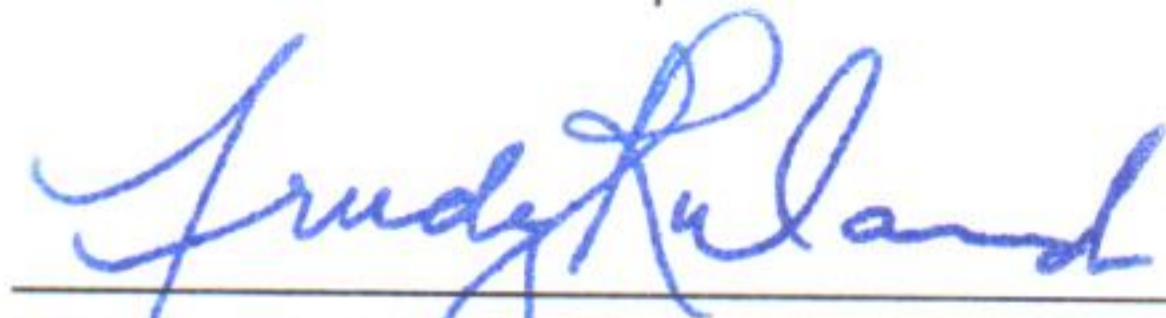
WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

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

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available County resources.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mountrail County Commissioners, pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10.1, declares a Fire Disaster Declaration and Automatic Burn Ban prohibiting any open burning (including a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, cropland, and campfires) for Mountrail County, North Dakota to remain in effect whenever the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is designated High, Very High or Extreme Status and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Mountrail County until further notice. Additionally, burning will be allowed in designated areas with Low or Moderate Fire Danger Rating upon approval of the local fire response authority that has jurisdiction over the designate area. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, WITH A MAXIMUM OF A \$1,500.00 FINE AND/OR 30 DAYS IN JAIL, AND SUCH ACTION TO BE INSTITUTED IN THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT PURSUANT TO NDCC 37-17.10(1).

Dated at Mountrail, North Dakota this 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2022



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Trudy Ruland, Chairman  
Mountrail County Commission

ATTEST:



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Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor