

RESOLUTION
DECLARING BURN BAN
FOR CUSTER COUNTY

The Custer County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 16-26 B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Custer County. This situation (as defined in Section 16- 26 B 1 a-d, title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

By virtue of this resolution, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop or other wild lands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop, or other wild lands fire.

Exceptions to this fire prohibition and the appropriate precautionary measures to be taken are as follows:

FOR EQPT. RELATED TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Equipment which uses propane or other controlled-type burners is generally regarded as safe, however it would be prudent to have a water pumper on standby any time this equipment is used near a grassy right of way

WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES

1. When conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet and when welding blankets or screens are used to cover combustible vegetation; and
2. Wind speeds must be less than 20mph; and
3. A fire watch, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher.

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor campfires or bonfires and charcoal-fired cooking are prohibited. LPG and natural gas grills outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from combustible vegetation.

PUBLIC FIREWORK DISPLAY

An exemption for public firework displays has been approved with prior approval of local fire departments and the State Fire Marshall. Firework displays will be permitted only by licensed firework professionals in designated areas. No individual use of fireworks will be permitted during the duration of this burn ban.

Enforcement of this resolution may be carried out by any law enforcement officer of this State. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine or not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent

resolutions may be passed. This burn ban may be removed at any time during the thirty (30) day period by the same method by which it was approved.

Resolved at a meeting by the Board of Custer County Commissioners at 10:45 a.m. on the 4th day of September, 2012.

/s/Steve Tompkins, Chairman

/s/James E. Covey, Member

/s/Lyle K. Miller, Member

Attest: /s/Karen Fry, County Clerk
(Seal)