

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2017-_____**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources requires a burn ban in DNR protected lands outside of a fire district, with the exception of designated campgrounds with approved fire pits; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County is currently experiencing severe dry conditions, high energy release components for fuel models, and low 1,000-hr fuel moisture contents; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Fire Marshal's Office has alerted the citizens of Kittitas County to the extent that the severe dry conditions are creating a dangerous fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, different fire danger levels exist within the fire districts due to topography and vegetation;

WHEREAS, agricultural burning is an integral part of our rural environment and shall be allowed based on Department of Ecology regulations and requirements;

WHEREAS, Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue, Fire District 1, Fire District 3, Fire District 6, Fire District 7, Fire District 8 require a full burn ban to include recreational fires and BBQ briquettes; and

WHEREAS, Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue requires a burn ban which prohibits all burning other than recreational cooking fires less than 2' x 2' but will go into a full ban when conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, Fire District 4 require a burn ban which prohibits all burning other than recreational campfires in the Riverstone Resort less than 2' x 3'; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Fire Marshal has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to implement the burn ban; and

WHEREAS, State statutes give the counties authority to issue emergency declarations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kittitas County, and in response to the continued threat of fire, declare an immediate burn ban until further notice:

THE OPEN BURNING BAN shall include, but not be limited to: Burning wood, brush, weeds and other ground cover not associated with the exempt agricultural burning, bonfires, or the open

burning of any materiel or fuel for any purpose that creates a fire hazard; or, for Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue, Fire Districts 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, wood, coal, or charcoal briquette camp fires or cook fires:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration shall be effective immediately upon signature by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Kittitas, Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be available from the Clerk of Kittitas County at the Kittitas County Board of Commissioner's office at 205 W. 5th Street, Ellensburg, Washington.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS DAY , 2017

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Paul Jewell, Chairman

Laura Osiadacz, Vice Chairman

Obie O'Brien, Commissioner

ATTESTED BY:

Julie Kjorsvik

Kittitas County Clerk