KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2011- 082

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Lands (Department of Natural Resources) has implemented a burn ban effective July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; and

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

WHEREAS, Fire District 51 requires a burn ban which prohibits all burning other than recreational cooking fires less than 2' x 2'; and

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

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

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, bonfires, or the open burning of any materiel or fuel for any purpose that creates a fire hazard; or, for Fire Districts 1, 3, 6, 7 and 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 Sept. 7th, **2011**

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Paul Jewell, Chairman

Alan Crankovich, Vice Chairman

Obie O'Brien, Commissioner

ATTESTED BY:
Julie Kjorsvik
Kittitas County Clerk

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