

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7  
PARTIAL OPEN BURNING RESTRICTION AND  
BAN ON THE USE OF FIREWORKS**

**WHEREAS**, a potentially severe to extreme fire situation exists throughout Crook County, created by a heavy fuel load and dry conditions, could create situations that over-extend the firefighting capability of local government; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming Statute 35-9-301 through 304 provides that upon the recommendation of the County Fire Warden the Board of Crook County Commissioners may close the area to any form of use by the public or limit such use which shall include the prohibition of any type of open fire for such periods of time as the Board may deem necessary and proper; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Fire Warden, Doug Leis has recommended that open burning restrictions be imposed throughout the county after a reasonable time for notice; and

**WHEREAS** Wyoming Statutes 35-10-201 through 208 allow for the regulation of fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, any violation of this resolution may be in violation of W.S. 35-9-304 punishable by up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$100.00 fine or both together with restitution for the cost of fire suppression and damages to others caused by the violation of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, this open burning restriction and ban on the use of fireworks shall beginning immediately until rescinded by the Board unless temporarily lifted or imposed by the County Fire Warden.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES** as follows:

1. That the **discharge of fireworks, use of exploding target devices and all outdoor fires are prohibited except** as set forth below, in the unincorporated area of Crook County, Wyoming **beginning on April 2, 2021:**

- (i) Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 am, inside containers provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius, are permitted.
- (ii) Campfires contained within an established fire ring at an established campground are permitted.
- (iii) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.
- (iv) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten feet in radius are permitted.
- (v) Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten feet in radius are permitted.

2. The ban does not include the listed exceptions set forth in Wyoming Statute 35-10-204, the areas within the incorporated cities and towns within Crook County, or federal lands managed by the Forest Service, Devil's Tower National Monument, and BLM. These entities may impose more or less restrictive regulations.

3. The County Fire Warden shall immediately provide a copy of this Resolution to the County Sheriff, State Land Commissioners, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Keyhole State Park and State Forester and other state and federal agencies.

4. The County Fire Warden shall on April 2, 2021 post the fire ban signs throughout the county and notify the public through advertisement in each newspaper published in the County, by press release to the Radio and TV stations broadcasting within Crook County, by the Public Alert system, the WYDOT 511 system, County Web Site [www.crookcounty.wy.gov](http://www.crookcounty.wy.gov) and any other method that would economically notify the public.

5. If any portion of this resolution is ruled to be not effective by a court the remaining portion of this resolution shall remain in effect.

6. The County Fire Warden has the authority to temporarily lift and or reimpose this Partial Burn Restriction and shall provide notice as set forth in paragraph 4 above until rescinded by the Board unless temporarily lifted or reimposed by the County Fire Warden during that term.

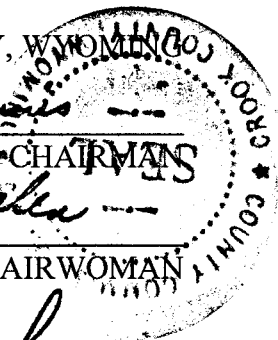
Motion made, seconded and carried in an open meeting on March 25, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING

BY Kelly B. Dennis  
KELLY B. DENNIS, CHAIRMAN

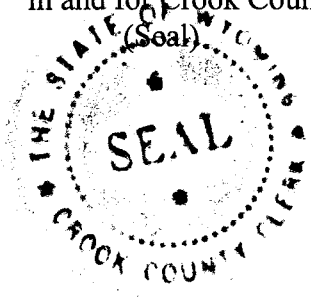
BY Jeanne A. Whalen  
JEANNE A. WHALEN, VICE-CHAIRWOMAN

BY Fred M. Devish  
FRED M. DEVISH, MEMBER



State of Wyoming }  
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County of Crook        }

Signed or attested before me on March 25, 2021 by Kelly B. Dennis, Chairman, Jeanne A. Whalen, Vice-Chairwoman and Fred M. Devish, Member, Board of Crook County Commissioners in and for Crook County, Wyoming.



Melissa Jones  
MELISSA JONES, DEPUTY CROOK COUNTY CLERK  
My term of office expires January 2, 2023