

**A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 05-29-18(20)

**A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE EXISTING STAGE 1 FIRE BAN TO A STAGE
II FIRE BAN THAT RESTRICTS OPEN BURNING IN TELLER COUNTY,
COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, existing dry conditions throughout the region have left the county in a very vulnerable condition for wildfires, and;

WHEREAS, open burning can be a prime cause of wildfire in Teller County; and

WHEREAS, current conditions and circumstances of extreme fire hazard exist throughout Teller County and necessitate the imposition of elevated Stage II Fire Ban restrictions on open burning to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Teller County, Colorado, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Teller County Fire Chiefs, in consultation with the administering agencies of the state and federal public lands within Teller County, Colorado have requested immediate Stage II Fire Ban restrictions on open burning in the unincorporated areas of Teller County; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended to implement the open fire ban authorized by Ordinance #17; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this resolution is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Teller County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado by virtue of the authority vested in the Board by the laws and Constitution of Colorado, including specifically C.R.S. 30-15-401(1)(n.5), DOES HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. Open burning is banned on private and public lands in Teller County, State of Colorado, except as allowed for by this order.
2. DEFINITION: OPEN BURNING: For purposes of this order, "open burning" shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal fires, all outdoor welding and cutting activities with an open flame, all explosives, firing of model rockets, use of fireworks, and the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, trash and debris. This order does not apply to commercial fireworks within city limits.
3. This order does not restrict use of gas, liquid or propane barbeques, gas stoves or lanterns that are at least 10 feet away from combustible walls or roofs, or other combustible materials.
4. This order does not restrict the use of chainsaws with approved fire extinguishment equipment readily available.
5. This order does not restrict the use of fires in fireplaces within buildings anywhere within Teller County.
6. This order does not restrict use of fused explosives on designated mining property or by special permit issued by the Sheriff.
7. Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles.
8. The burning of irrigation ditches in the county is prohibited by this order except for ditches located within and completely surrounded by irrigated farmlands where such burning is necessary for crop survival.
9. Burning of Rubbish is **PROHIBITED** IN Teller County at any time. Rubbish includes paper, garbage, trash, useless waste, rejected or unused matter, organic or inorganic refuse, rejected or waste foods, offal, and tires.
10. Pursuant to CRS 18-9-117(1)(g) this order shall be enforced by the Sheriff of Teller County or by the administering agencies of state and federal lands located therein. An exemption to this order shall be granted only by the administering agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by the Sheriff or the state or federal administering agency to be

safe. Possession of a current Teller County Burn Permit does not constitute an exemption. Open burning normally regulated by these permits is not allowed.

11. These Stage II Fire Ban restrictions on open burning shall be in effect beginning May 29, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded.
12. This resolution and restriction rescinds and replaces Teller County Resolution 3-22-2018(10).

APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF MAY 2018 AT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO, EMERGENCY MEETING HELD AT 800 RESEARCH DR. SUITE 230, WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

Marc Dettenrieder, Chairman

ATTEST:

Krystal Brown,
Clerk & Recorder