

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION # 2014-20
A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY REGULATION
OF FIRE HAZARDS IN FALL RIVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Fall River County Commission is charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Fall River County including all property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Fall River County Commission has consulted with local fire officials, law enforcement and emergency management officials concerning the threat posed by wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfires in Fall River County is such so as to pose a significant danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Fall River County including property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Fall River County Commission has deemed it necessary to enact certain temporary controls to reduce the threat posed to the citizens and property of Fall River County by wildfires.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20 (18) the Fall River County Commission does hereby enact this resolution to insure public safety on an emergency basis, effective immediately and impose a ban on all open burning and fireworks except for petroleum fueled or charcoal briquette fueled grills used for preparing food. This burn ban applies to any resident in Fall River County outside any municipality or land within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, and is in effect when the fire index reaches the **HIGH, VERY HIGH or EXTREME** level. Residents will be allowed to use gas fueled or charcoal fired BBQ grills and will be allowed open burning when the fire index is at the **LOW or MODERATE** level. Campfires will **NOT** be allowed on private land or licensed commercial campgrounds. Campgrounds operated by the State of South Dakota or US Government must follow the established laws and regulations.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this open burning ban will remain in effect until repealed by the Fall River County Commission. Pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 the penalty for violating this resolution shall include a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars for each violation and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation; or both such fine and imprisonment. Additionally person (s) in violation of this burn ban may be responsible for any and all suppression costs.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2014

Michael P. Ortner
Chairman, Fall River Commission

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, Fall River/Shannon County Auditor