

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-21  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING**

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A PARTIAL CLOSURE  
OF CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING DUE TO  
EXTREME FIRE DANGER**

**WHEREAS**, the entirety of Converse County, Wyoming, continues to have a high fuel load which creates a potentially high fire danger throughout the County and the fire danger is aggravated by unrestricted outdoor fires and open fires; and,

**WHEREAS**, because of this extremely high fire danger presently existing in Converse County, the Converse County Fire Warden recommended to the Converse County Board of Commissioners that the Board order the partial closure of the entirety of Converse County, Wyoming; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2020, the Converse County Board of Commissioners approved and adopted Resolution 11-20 thereby putting a partial fire ban in place until October 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 35-9-301, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended, grants statutory authority to any Board of County Commissioners, within the State of Wyoming, to close or limit the use of any area within its county including, but not limited to the prohibition and/or restrictions of any type of open fire for such period as is deemed necessary and proper, subject to rules promulgated by the Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Wyoming; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 35-9-303, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended, the Board of Land Commissioners have promulgated Rules and Regulations necessary for county fire wardens and boards of county commissioners to carry out the purposes of Sections 35-9-301 through 35-9-304, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended; and, that such rules and regulations, among other things, set forth those uses and restrictions and exceptions pertaining to partial closures; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and in the best interests of the citizens of Converse County, Wyoming, that the Converse County Board of Commissioners order the continuance of the partial closure within the boundaries of Converse County, Wyoming, and provide certain exceptions and exemptions to such partial closure order.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING:**

That the Board of Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming, make and enter its Order imposing the continuance of the partial closure within the boundaries of said county, prohibiting and/or restricting the use of open and outdoor fires within the unincorporated areas of this County, as follows:

All outdoor and open fires and the discharge of fireworks within the unincorporated areas of Converse County, Wyoming, are prohibited except as provided below:

1. Gas and charcoal fires within enclosed grills;

2. Use of acetylene cutting torches and/or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius; fire suppression or fire guard must be on site.
3. Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius.
4. Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., where such fires are contained inside of containers, are attended, and are provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared area ten (10) feet in radius;
5. Controlled burns for range improvements, but only with the written permission of the County Fire Warden.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following persons shall be ordered to be exempt from the partial closure prohibition and restrictions: Any federal, state or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities and any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the partial closure order, which was effective and in force as of June 17, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. upon the signing of the Order of Closure made and entered by authority of this Resolution, shall now remain in force and effect until November 16, 2020 at 12:00 a.m.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the use of any area in violation of the Resolution shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed thirty (30) days or both the fine and imprisonment. Restitution shall also be ordered per W.S. 35-9-304.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING**

  
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Robert G. Short., Chairman

ATTEST:   
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Karen Rimmer, Converse County Clerk

