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COUNTY COMMISSIONER BURN BAN RESOLUTION #2024-68

WHEREAS: The **Kiowa** County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 16-26.B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in **Kiowa** County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B1.a-d, Title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the county's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

WHEREAS: By virtue of this resolution, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop or other wildlands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop, or other wildlands fire.

WHEREAS: Exceptions to this fire prohibition and the appropriate precautionary measures to be taken are as follows:

Welding/Cutting Torch Grinding Activities

Outdoor welding or cutting torch activities cause many fires each year, and the ban is intended to prevent wildland fires caused by this activity. In addition to the penalties prescribed in the law for violations of the outdoor burning ban, operator may also be liable for damages caused by a fire, and for the costs of suppressing such fire. Extreme caution is advised. Outdoor welding and cutting torch activities may continue under the following conditions:

- When conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet and when welding blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation; and
- Wind speeds must be less than 20mph; and
- A fire watch, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher

WHEREAS: Enforcement of this resolution may be carried out by any law enforcement officer of this State. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: This resolution shall be effective immediately for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the fourteen-day period by the same method by which it was approved.

Resolved at a meeting by the Board of **Kiowa** County Commissioners at 10:00 on November 4, 2024.



Gary Jennings-Chairman



Stan Funkhouser-Vice Chairman



Reeder Reese-Member





Nikki Dodd-County Clerk