

**FIRE EMERGENCY
And
BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION
For
RENVILLE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

April 24th, 2025

WHEREAS, Renville County, North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, Renville County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens in Renville County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Renville County resources; and

WHEREAS, Renville County wishes to regulate activities within the County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Renville County Commissioners, declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions (including a ban on the ignition of fireworks, campfires, fire pits, fire rings, recreational fires, burning of garbage, leaves, grass clippings, construction debris, pit burning, fallen trees, and ditches) remain in effect **whenever the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the High, Very High or Extreme Status and/or a Red Flag warning has been issued for Renville County, North Dakota.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Renville County Commissioners, declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions (including a ban on the burning of crop residue, and slough burning) remain

in effect **whenever the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the Very High or Extreme Status and/or a Red Flag warning has been issued for Renville County, North Dakota.**

Crop residue and slough burning will be allowed when the Fire Danger Rating is "High" and NO Red Flag Warning has been issued, with a tilled firebreak encompassing the perimeter of the burn, be in attendance until the burn is completed, and Bottineau Dispatch has been notified of the burn. Any type of road surface is not considered part of the tilled firebreak perimeter.

This policy will remain in effect until rescinded. **THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE). THE RENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.**

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website:
<https://ndresponse.gov>

DATED at Mohall, North Dakota this 24th day of April, 2025



Andy Gates, Renville County Commission

Attest: 

LeAnn Pollman, County Auditor