

RESOLUTION 2023-55
DECLARATION OF FIRE DANGER EMERGENCY

(In accordance with Lincoln County Ordinance No. 2017-03)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, New Mexico, has determined that the present fire danger within the County of Lincoln, due to the extreme drought conditions currently existing, is exceedingly high; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County has further determined that, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lincoln County, the Board must take emergency action in its meeting of May 16, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, New Mexico, hereby proclaims a ban on all burning of open flames, fires, campfires (except in designated areas), trash, rubbish, shrubbery or other material of any kind, except by permit, and hereby bans the sale or use of display fireworks and the sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within the affected unincorporated drought areas. In addition, all fireworks not listed in this paragraph shall be limited to areas that are paved or barren or that have a readily accessible source of water for use by the homeowner or the general public. Fireplaces, and in particular the unquenched ashes from same, may present a significant hazard and use should be discouraged during this period of drought. In addition, smoking, (except within an enclosed vehicle, camp trailer, building, developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least ten (10) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared to mineral soil), and the discharging or use of tracer ammunition or other incendiary device, or the use of a chainsaw without a spark arrestor (anyone using a chainsaw must stay on scene for thirty (30) minutes after use of saw) and the cutting, welding or grinding of metal in areas of dry vegetation are all prohibited activities during a Fire Danger Emergency. This Resolution is to remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until rescinded or extended by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LINCOLN COUNTY NEW MEXICO**



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