

RESOLUTION 26-05

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A PARTIAL FIRE BAN IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NIOBRARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, a potentially severe to extreme fire situation could exist throughout Niobrara County, created by high temperatures, dry vegetation, and decreased humidity, which could create situations that over-extend the firefighting capability of local government; and,

WHEREAS, under W.S. 35-9-301, upon the recommendation of the County Fire Warden, a Board of County Commissioners may limit use of a given area in the county due to extreme fire danger, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the fire danger in Niobrara County is extreme and that upon the recommendation of the County Fire Warden, the following restrictions of use be applied to all lands located within the unincorporated areas of Niobrara County, excluding federal lands:

That this is a partial closure, discharge of fireworks, and all outdoor fires are prohibited in unimproved areas, defined as cropland, agricultural land, and undeveloped land, which remains in its natural forested or range condition, except as provided below:

1. Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., inside containers provided with spark arrestors and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius, are permitted.
2. Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.
3. Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten feet in radius is permitted.
4. Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten feet in radius are permitted.
5. Use of chainsaws provided that the chainsaws have spark arrestors properly installed and functioning.
6. Federal, State, local fire or law enforcement officers participating in fire, emergency, and law enforcement activities.
7. The burning of the covered wagon and "Rawhide" sign during the Legend of the Rawhide Performances being held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on July 10 and 11, 2026.
8. Public or privately sponsored fireworks displays, which are coordinated with the Niobrara County Fire Warden or his designee.

And the penalties, pursuant to W.S. §35-9-304, are punishable by up to a \$100.00 fine, thirty (30) days in the Niobrara County Jail, or both, may be imposed for violation of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution becomes effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners.

Notice of fire closure shall be transmitted to the Wyoming State Forester, 5500 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82002.

PRESENTED, READ, and ADOPTED this 17th day of March 2026.

NIOBRARA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



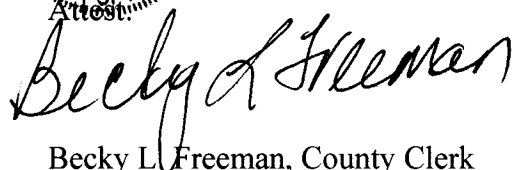
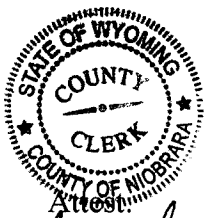
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