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**SAN JUAN COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 17-18-46**

BANNING OPEN BURNING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WHEREAS, San Juan County, New Mexico is in a state of extreme drought; and

WHEREAS, that extreme drought has led to extreme fire danger throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, even the most favorable predictions for weather conditions which might relieve the drought and reduce fire conditions are not until at least early July 2018.

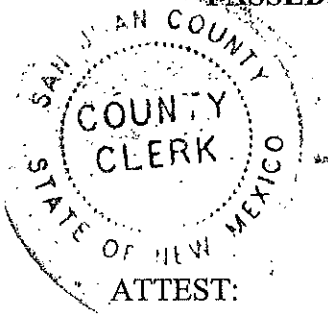
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, New Mexico that effective May 24, 2018, at 12:01 a.m., the following activities shall be prohibited in unincorporated San Juan County, except on land owned or controlled by the State of New Mexico, the United States of America, or the Navajo Nation:

1. Open burning, including burning of crop land, fields, range land, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning, or weed burning.
2. Campfires, except where cooking or heating devices use kerosene with gas or propane as a fuel in an improved camping area that is clear of flammable vegetation for at least 30 feet or within a residential yard. Within a residential yard, charcoal may be utilized in a cooking device. However, charcoal may not be disposed of in any fashion until the charcoal is cool enough to handle with bare hands.
3. Smoking is prohibited except in enclosed buildings, within vehicles equipped with ash trays, or on paved or surface roads or within a private yard; provided, however, that cigarette butts and cigar butts must be extinguished in ash trays.
4. The use of fireworks is prohibited in any area covered wholly or in part with timber, brush, grass, or other flammable vegetation. Fireworks may be utilized only in accordance with the San Juan County Fireworks Proclamation dated May 1, 2018, which is extended until further notice.
5. All devices using internal combustion engines must have a proper spark arrester installed. "Hot" vehicles must not be parked off pavement in areas with combustible vegetation.

6. Cutting or grinding metal or using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in areas cleared of flammable materials at least 10 feet in diameter and equipped with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 10 pounds capacity.
7. Discharging, using, or possessing any combustible or explosive composition.
8. Operating a chain saw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working and having a chemical fire extinguisher on site of not less than 10 pounds capacity by weight.
9. The burning of rubbish, which has been illegal in the State of New Mexico since 2003 per State statute.

The San Juan County Fire Chief or his designee may grant an exemption from any of these prohibitions, other than the fireworks prohibition, if satisfied that sufficient safety and fire prevention steps have been taken.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2018.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

By: 
Margaret McDaniel, Chairman


Tanya Shelby, County Clerk