



McKENZIE COUNTY

## **AMENDED 2024 FIRE EMERGENCY BURN RESTRICTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, McKenzie County, North Dakota can have very dry conditions with significant fuel loadings available; and

**WHEREAS**, McKenzie County, North Dakota has sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the McKenzie County Department of Emergency Services has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear, and fire damages may be in excess of County resources.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of McKenzie County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency Burn Restrictions which include the following:

1. Total ban on open burning of anything to include garbage, campfires and the use of fireworks.
  - a. Personal cooking grills may be used. Area surrounding the grill/cooker must be cleared of debris, garbage and all flammables in a radius of at least 3 feet.
  - b. Ag. related / crop or field fires must have a permit signed by the District Chief.
2. Vehicles (motorized / wheeled) including pickups, cars, 4 wheelers, motorcycles and side x sides must stay on established roadways. Farmers / ranchers and those who travel off-road for industrial / business requirements should carry fire extinguishers and normal firefighting equipment (shovels, water, etc).
3. Smoking in designated areas or inside closed vehicles only.

McKenzie County Emergency Management has burn permit applications available in office or online and are available to help you (701-444-7483). The Upper Missouri Dist. Health Unit (UMDHU) will need to approve any / all permits.

Pursuant to NDCC 31-17.1-10.1, Any Individual who willfully violates the burn restrictions is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor (Maximum sentence of 30 days in jail and/or a \$1500 fine), and restitution of fire suppression costs may be sought.

Dated this 15th Day of October, 2024, McKenzie County North Dakota. (Until further notice)

  
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**Howdy Lawlar, Chairman**  
**McKenzie County Commission**