



## **2023 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 may include a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires, burning of farm or crop land and unnecessary off-road motorized travel when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Index is in the High, Very High or Extreme category and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for McKenzie County, North Dakota. Additionally, burning will be allowed with a Low or Moderate Fire Danger Rating upon approval of a burn permit issued by the Upper Missouri District Health Unit once the local fire response authority has approved said burn permit. McKenzie County Emergency Management has burn permit applications available in office or on line and are available to help you. The North Dakota Fire Danger rating map can be found at the following web site:

<https://ndresponse.gov/burn-ban-restrictions-fire-danger-maps#firedangerratingmap>

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE BURN RESTRICTIONS IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1; MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1500 FINE), AND RESTITUTION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS MAY BE SOUGHT.

Dated this **2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May, 2023**, McKenzie County North Dakota. Ending October 31, 2023.

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