

Public Notice

Fire Restrictions within the Town of Red River

Due to long term drought conditions and rapidly escalating fire danger in the Red River area, public notice is hereby issued that as of 6:00 AM on Friday June 26th, 2020 the following activities shall be prohibited or restricted within the boundaries of the Town of Red River:

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- **Open Burning:** all open fires of any kind are prohibited. This includes campfires, bon fires, charcoal or wood barbecue fires, and the burning of trash, weeds or brush.
- **Burn Permits:** all previously issued open burning permits are suspended. Holders of these permits will need to apply for a new permit once these restrictions are rescinded.
- **Smoking:** Smoking is restricted to paved or graveled roads or streets, or within enclosed vehicles or structures that are exempt from the *New Mexico No Smoking in Public Facilities Act*. Smoking in any public park, or other public area covered with grass, brush or other forest fuel is prohibited. Ashtrays or other approved containers must be used to discard smoking materials.
- **Welding:** Welding or operating an acetylene or other gas fueled torch is prohibited, except within an enclosed building or structure.
- **Use of Chainsaws, Lawnmowers and other internal combustion engine device:** The use of any equipment powered by an internal combustion engine that is not equipped with an approved spark arresting device is prohibited.
- **Fireworks:** The discharge of any type of fireworks or pyrotechnic devices is prohibited.

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

- **Fireplaces and Woodstoves:** the use of indoor fireplaces and woodstoves is permitted, provided they are equipped with a metal spark arrestor screen.
- **Petroleum Fueled or Pressurized Gas grills, stoves and lanterns:** The use of petroleum fueled or pressurized gas devices is permitted, provided that the device has an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approval.
- **Fire for Commercial Cooking:** The use of fire that would otherwise be prohibited by this Order, may be allowed for commercial purposes by permit only. Permits may be obtained from the Fire Department. A valid Town of Red River Business License is a prerequisite. A Commercial Permit does not relieve the permit holder from any civil or criminal liability associated with damage resulting from an escaped fire, or from recovery of the cost of controlling an escaped fire.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THIS ORDER

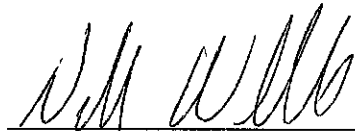
- Any federal, state or local member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of their official duty is exempted from this order.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA EFFECTED BY THIS ORDER

- This Order applies to all areas within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Red River. It does not apply to any area outside the corporate boundaries, including USDA Forest Service lands or unincorporated lands under the jurisdiction of Taos County.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

- This Order is implemented pursuant to the requirements and under the authority of Town of Red River Ordinance 2005-3, and Ordinance 1993-9. This order shall expire 45 days from the effective date unless renewed, revised or rescinded.



Deke Willis, Fire Chief
Town of Red River, NM

June 24, 2020