

RESOLUTION 2014-30

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCIES WITH REGARD TO PURCHASING
AND USE OF FIREWORKS**

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to comply with Roosevelt County Ordinance 2014-04 , New Mexico Statute, Section 60-2C-7(C), NMSA 1978 and to exercise the our jurisdiction as authorized by law over the sale and use of fireworks inside the unincorporated areas of the county;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 60-2C-7C, NMSA 1978, Roosevelt County has determined that the entire county is affected by extreme or severe drought conditions;

WHEREAS, the finding of extreme or severe drought is based upon current drought indices published by the U.S. Drought Monitor Report and exceptional circumstances due to lack of precipitation, high winds, low humidity, abundance of wild land grass and dry, fine fuels in the unincorporated areas of Roosevelt County;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts intensified drought with the likelihood for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation through the next several months in 2014;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service long range outlook for East Central New Mexico indicates the likelihood of extreme fire danger into early summer;

WHEREAS, the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners recognizes the extreme danger of fire risk posed by the use of certain fireworks and the increased likelihood of the potential for wildfires to be caused during the annual Independence Day holiday use of fireworks; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution/Proclamation shall take affect and become effective on



June 10, 2014 and shall remain in effect for thirty days from the effective date.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners as the governing body of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, approves this **PROCLAMATION** as follows:

Pursuant to Roosevelt County Ordinance No. 2014-04 and Section 60-2C-7C, NMSA 1978, the sale and use of the following types of fireworks shall be banned for thirty days from the effective date of this Resolution/Proclamation:

- (1) This Resolution shall ban the sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within the affected drought area.
- (2) Shall limit the use within its jurisdiction of any fireworks that are not banned by this Resolution/Proclamation to areas that are paved or barren or that have a readily accessible source of water for use by the homeowner or the general public.
- (3) Ban the use of all fireworks within wildlands in its jurisdiction, after consultation with the state forester.
- (4) Ban the sale or use of display fireworks within the unincorporated areas of Roosevelt County.

This proclamation shall be effective beginning June 10, 2014 and remain in effect for thirty days unless the Board of County Commissioners for Roosevelt County issues succeeding proclamations if extreme or severe drought conditions warrant. This proclamation may be modified or rescinded within its thirty-day period by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners upon conducting an emergency hearing to determine if weather conditions have improved.



DONE this 20th day of May, 2014.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 
RENDELL BUZARD, CHAIRMAN

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


COUNTY CLERK



