



RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2020-31

Declaring a Extreme Drought and Fire Danger Emergency in Roosevelt County

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County as with other counties in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas, has experienced a prolonged drought with very little moisture; and,

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County has determined, based upon current drought indices published by the U.S. Drought Monitor Report, lack of precipitation, low humidity, and abundance of wildland grass and dry, fine fuels that there is a serious likelihood of fire danger in Roosevelt County; and,

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2014, the Roosevelt County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2014-03 which established provisions for declaring severe fire hazard restrictions and fire danger emergencies and authority to mitigate the same; and,

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County believes that because of the weather conditions, a fire danger emergency exists and provisions set forth in Ordinance 2014-03 need to be implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Commissioners of Roosevelt County, which is the governing body of Roosevelt County, pursuant to its powers under §4-37-1, et seq., to provide for safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the moral, order and convenience of Roosevelt County and its inhabitants and finds it necessary to adopt this resolution.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that from this day forward until otherwise modified or rescinded, that burning within the unincorporated areas of Roosevelt County is prohibited pursuant to the provisions contained within Ordinance 2014-03.

The County Commissioners must renew this resolution every forty-five (45) days. If this resolution is not renewed within the designated timeframe, then it is hereby automatically terminated. In addition, the Roosevelt County Commissioners may terminate and rescind this Resolution at any appropriate time.

Any person charged with a violation of Ordinance 2014-03 shall be cited into court and, shall be subjected to the violations and penalties set forth in Section 12 of Ordinance 2014-03.

Violations shall be enforced by any Roosevelt County Sheriff's Deputy, or any State certified law enforcement officer.

Any person who violates any provision of Ordinance 2014-03, or may be found guilty of a violation of Ordinance 2014-03, shall also be responsible and civilly liable for any costs, expenses or damages caused by any fire that may be created or started a result of said violation. In addition, said person shall also be responsible and be required to reimburse the County for the full cost of any and all labor or equipment use required to attend to or necessary to control, contain and/or suppress any fires caused thereby.

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Stephanie Hicks, Roosevelt Co. Clk., Roosevelt, NM



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution 2020-31 will be adopted for forty-five (45) days, commencing today this 9th day of November, 2020.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2020.

**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ATTEST:

Nath Baca
Nath Baca, Deputy County Clerk

Telephonically approved
Matthew Hunton, Chairman – District II
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved
Tina Dixon, Vice Chair – District IV
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved
Dennis Lopez – District I
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved
Lewis (Shane) Lee – District III
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved
Paul Grider – District V
Voted: Yes No Abstained

