



RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-16

Declaring an Exceptional 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 selected 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.

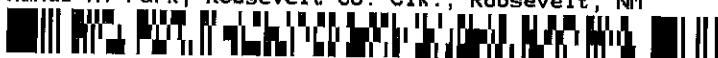
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that from this day forward until otherwise modified or rescinded, that burning within the unincorporated areas of Roosevelt County is prohibited pursuant to the provisions contained within Ordinance 2014-03, with the exception of agricultural burning shall be permitted.

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.



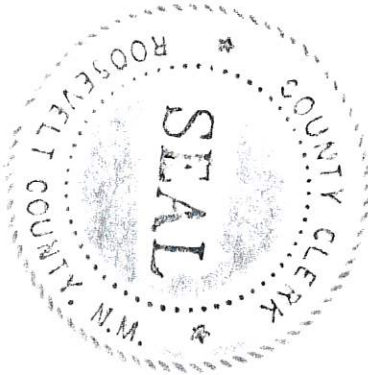
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution 2021-16 shall be adopted for forty-five (45) days, commencing today February 22, 2021; and shall supersede Resolution 2021-05 adopted by the Board on January 12, 2021.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of February, 2021 by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

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

ATTEST:

Mandi M Park
Mandi Park, Roosevelt County Clerk



Tina Dixon

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

absent

Lewis (Shane) Lee, Vice Chair – District III
Voted: Yes No Abstained

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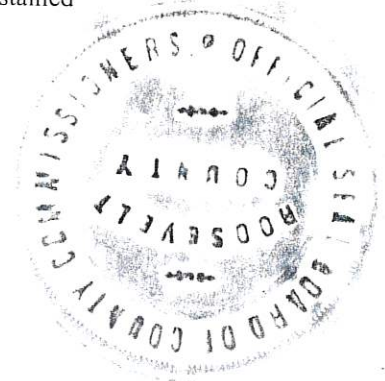
Dennis Lopez – District I
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Rodney Savage

Rodney Savage – District II
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Paul Grider

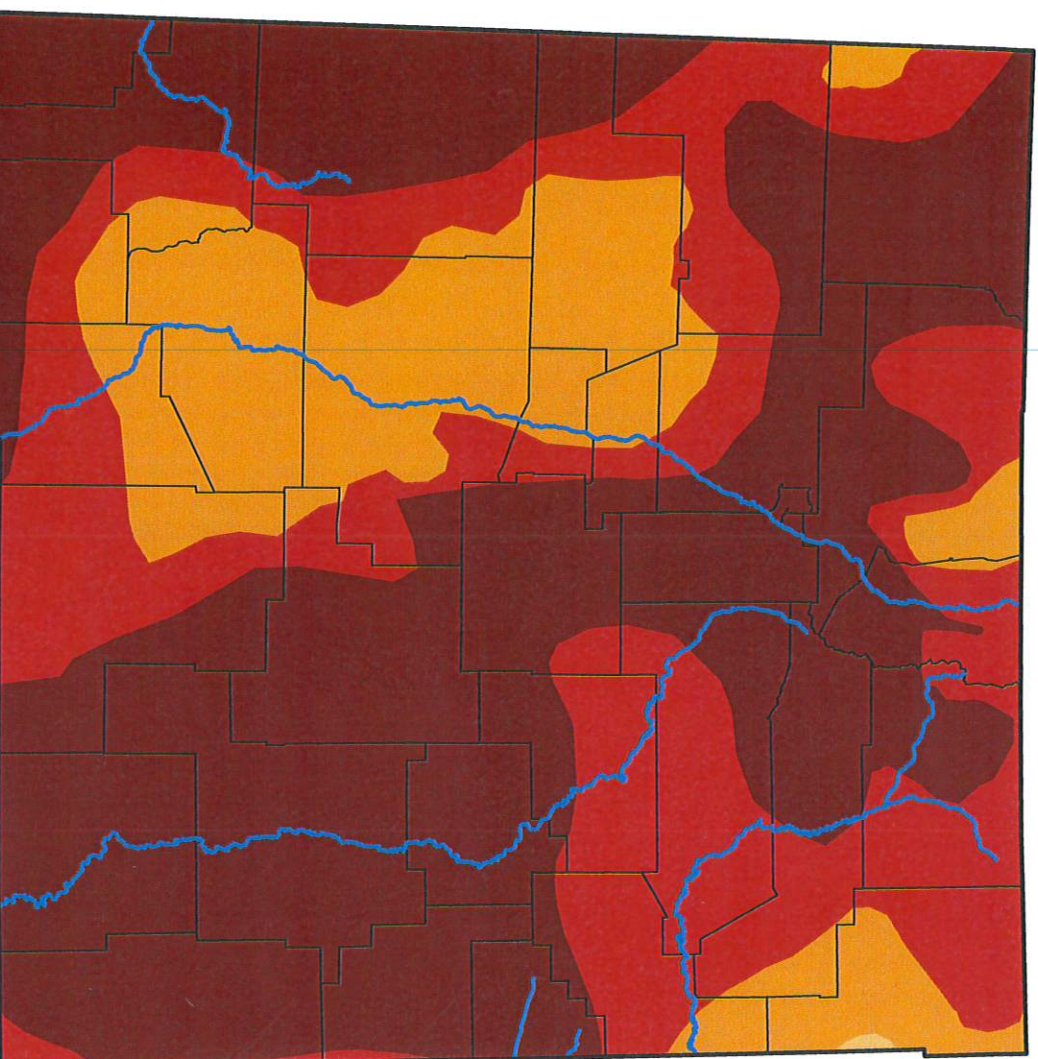
Paul Grider – District V
Voted: Yes No Abstained



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U.S. Drought Monitor New Mexico

February 16, 2021
(Released Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.93	82.23	54.24
Last Week 02-09-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.93	82.31	54.24
3 Months Ago 11-17-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.59	72.99	31.96
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	0.00	100.00	99.97	99.59	82.26	53.20
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	0.00	100.00	99.92	73.65	39.88	2.90
One Year Ago 02-18-2020	43.62	56.38	28.62	11.80	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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