

**PETROLEUM COUNTY
STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS
RESOLUTION 2026-17**

WHEREAS, high temperatures and low precipitation have occurred within Petroleum County during the summer of 2026 resulting in dry fuel conditions, poor soil moisture conditions and low water supplies which has contributed to a **HIGH** wildland fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the Petroleum Board of County Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Petroleum County Commissioners that **Stage One Fire Restrictions** are in effect for all private lands in Petroleum County, due to **HIGH** wildland fire danger. Agricultural activities such as harvesting crops, burning stubble fields and irrigation ditch banks are hereby exempt. However, agricultural producers must notify the Petroleum County 911 Dispatch Center and their local Rural Fire Department before conducting any controlled burning and have fire suppression equipment on site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that all activities that might potentially cause a fire shall cease immediately and be prohibited until further notice. Activities that might cause a fire include but are not limited to:

- Any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fused explosives, fireworks, and
- Any other activity that poses a significant risk of starting a fire, including welding, or using a cutting torch.

AN EXEMPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution becomes effective on Friday August 28, 2026 and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Board of Petroleum County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 24th day of August 2026 by the Board of County Commissioners - Petroleum County, Montana.



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