

July 20, 2021

Salmon, Idaho

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session in the Clerk's office pursuant to recess of July 12, 2021 with Brett Barsalou, Chairman, Richard W. Snyder and Leah Madsen present.

The Special Meeting was to ratify two resolutions that were requested by Emergency Management Director Treva Wing. Resolution 2021-12 Fire Disaster Emergency Declaration and Resolution 2021-13 a Burn Ban for Lemhi County. Both were signed on the 16th of July by Chairman Brett Barsalou. Leah Madsen moved and Rich Snyder seconded to approve both resolutions. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2021-12

WHEREAS, forest fires are currently burning in the Salmon/Challis National Forest, Lemhi County, State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, said forest fires are threatening lives and property; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster emergency exists in Lemhi County, Idaho, due to the imminent threat to life and property created by the existing and potential forest fire activity; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section authorizes the Commissioners of County of Lemhi, Idaho, to declare a local disaster emergency to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance, thereunder;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved and declared by the Lemhi County, Idaho, Board of Commissioners, as follows:

1. A disaster emergency is hereby declared to exist within Lemhi County, created by existing and potential forest fires, creating an imminent threat to life and property; and
2. These conditions require the activation of the response and recovery aspects of all applicable local disaster emergency plans; and
3. Such disaster may require State and Federal emergency assistance to supplement current local and federal efforts to protect, rehabilitate and replace public property and to provide a coordinated multi-agency effort to mitigate, avert and lessen the threat and impact of the disaster.

ADOPTED in open special session this 20th day of July 2021, by those Commissioners subscribing their names hereto.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Brett Barsalou, Chairman

/s/Richard W. Snyder

/s/Leah Madsen

ATTEST: /s/ Brenda Armstrong, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021-13

WHEREAS, the Board values the lives and safety of Lemhi County residents and takes such matters affecting the same very serious;

WHEREAS, many parts of Lemhi County are extremely dry and due to current conditions, the threat of wild fires is severe;

WHEREAS, wildfires constitute a real and serious threat to life and property in Lemhi County;

WHEREAS, it is commonly known that from time to time there exists an extreme or serious danger and threat of forest fires, grassfires and wildfires due to dry weather and vegetation conditions in Lemhi County and that fires have caused property damage and the potential for risk of loss of life;

WHEREAS, the Board wants to take such actions as are necessary to preserve property and the safety of residents within Lemhi County;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to prohibit open fires, as defined herein;

WHEREAS, the Board finds the fire threat as severe;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §39-2609(4), the Board has set forth the regulations and restrictions contained herein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §31-828, boards of county commissioners have the power and authority to do and perform all other acts and things required by law not in this title enumerated, or which may be necessary to the full discharge of the duties of the chief executive authority of the county government."

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION:

1. From the date hereof until October 31, 2021, or such earlier date as set forth by the Board, the Board hereby declares a ban on Open Fires on private and public lands (to the greatest extent allowed by law) outside of the unincorporated areas of Lemhi County and lands with the fire protection districts' boundaries. The Board strongly urges Lemhi County residents and others occupying federal lands in Lemhi County to determine and follow such guidelines as established by the State of Idaho, (the "State"), Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and the United States Forest Service ("Forest Service") pertaining to public lands. In the event the State, BLM or the Forest Service have issued burning regulations pertaining to public lands in Lemhi County, the rules, regulations of the State, BLM or the Forest Service, shall apply.
2. Under this Resolution, the term "Open Fire" shall mean: outdoor fire, including but not limited to, campfires, burn barrels, warming fires, charcoal cooking fires, all explosives, firing of model rockets, fireworks (as defined in Idaho Code §39-2602(3)), discharge of tracer bullets, exploding targets, welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame (other than in an area cleared of all flammable materials and with adequate firefighting

equipment immediately available and on hand), and the prescribed burning of fence rows, irrigation ditches, fields, farmlands, wild lands, trash and debris.

3. This "Burn Ban" shall not apply to: (i) commercial fireworks within city limits; (ii) wood burning stoves and fireplaces located within an enclosed building (s); (iii) roadside emergency flares used in a safe and prudent manner with regard to wildfire threat; and (iv) barbecue grills located on a personal residence when used in a safe and prudent manner with regard to wildfire threat.
4. No dry vegetation, Christmas trees, or any other combustible material may be stored, displayed, sold or otherwise kept within twenty-five (25) feet of any structure.

Dated this 20th day of July 2021.

/s/ Brett Barsalou, Chairman

/s/ Richard W. Snyder

/s/ Leah Madsen

ATTEST: /s/ Brenda Armstrong, Clerk

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn until Monday July 26, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.


Chairman

ATTEST:  Clerk