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Stark County Declares a Fire Emergency and Institutes Burn Restriction tied to the Fire Rating

Dickinson, ND – Stark County has declared a Fire Emergency and adopted a Burn Restriction which is based on the North Dakota Rangeland Fire rating. The burn restriction will be in effect when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire rating is in the ***High, Very High, or Extreme category, a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Stark County or determined to be necessary by the Stark County Burn Ban Committee.***

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500 FINE NDCC 12.1-32.01), AND RESTITUTION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS MAY BE SOUGHT FROM THE COURT.

The Rangeland Fire Rating is issued daily. The rating and additional information can be found at www.starkcountynd.gov/fire or <https://ndresponse.gov/burn-ban-restrictions-fire-danger-maps#firedangerratingmap>

The burn restriction includes the ignition of fireworks; tree branches; cropland burning; garbage burning; campfires; and unnecessary off-road motorized travel.*

Excluded from the burn restriction when in effect is gas grills and pellet smokers. When using gas grills or pellet smokers, the unit must be on a non-combustible surface and monitored at all times.

The burning of garbage pits and large controlled burns will not be allowed at this time.

***City of Dickinson Residents - please refer to the information at www.dickinsonfire.com for specific ordinances enacted within the City of Dickinson limits.**

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