

# FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION

## For Ransom County, North Dakota

*April 11, 2025*

**WHEREAS**, Ransom County, North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

**WHEREAS**, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Ransom County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens in Ransom County; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Ransom County resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Ransom County wishes to regulate activities within Ransom County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Ransom County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions at the High, Very High, Extreme, and Red Flag Warning Fire Indexes, and with all “category” restrictions selected in each of the foregoing Fire Index Levels as specified in the Burning Restrictions worksheet as published for Ransom County at <https://ndresponse.gov> for Ransom County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded.

<b>What’s Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below</b> <i>Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS (<a href="#">ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4</a>)</i>	
<b>High</b>	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
<b>Very High</b>	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
<b>Extreme</b>	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).
<b>Red Flag Warning</b>	Campfires, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland/agriculture, fireplaces and chimineas patio (organic material), garbage/pit, gas camp stoves, grills/smokers (gas, charcoal, pellet, wood fire), smoking (areas outside designated areas/and or vehicle), and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or gravel surface).

**THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR  
(NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE).**

This declaration does include the following incorporated cities of Ransom County: *Lisbon, Enderlin, Sheldon and Fort Ransom. As a reminder it is the law to contact the local fire chief before starting any controlled burn*

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov>

DATED at Ransom County, North Dakota this 11th day of April, 2025.

  
Greg Schwab, Chair  
Ransom County

  
Nicole Gentzkow, Auditor  
Ransom County 4/11/25