THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO  

RESOLUTION NO. 04-30-2020 (14)  

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A STAGE I FIRE BAN THAT RESTRICTS OPEN  
BURNING IN TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO.  

WHEREAS, weather conditions and lack of precipitation have contributed to existing dry  
conditions throughout the region; and  

WHEREAS, open burning can be a prime cause of wildfire in Teller County; and  

WHEREAS, current conditions and circumstances of high fire hazard exist in Teller  
County and a significant lack of firefighting resources necessitate the imposition of a  
Stage I Fire Ban on open burning to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public;  
and  

WHEREAS, the Sheriff as the Fire Marshall of Teller County, Colorado and the Office of  
Emergency Management have requested that Stage I Fire Ban restrictions be activated  
on open burning in the unincorporated areas of Teller County; and  

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to implement the open fire ban authorized by  
Ordinance #17; and  

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds, determines and declares  
that adoption of this resolution is necessary for the preservation and protection of the  
public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Teller County.  

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Teller  
County, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in the Board by the laws and  
Constitution of Colorado, including specifically C.R.S. 30-15-401(1)(n.5), THAT:  

1. Open burning is banned on private and public lands in Teller County, State of  
Colorado, except as allowed for by this Resolution.  

2. The following are allowed under this Resolution:  

   a) use of charcoal grills, gas barbecues, liquid fueled gas stoves or lanterns, in  
each case that are at least 10 feet away from combustible materials.  

   b) Campfires that are contained in a permanent fire ring located in developed and  
designated picnic and/or campgrounds on public or private lands for public  
use. Designated fire rings must be at least 25 feet away from all structures. Fire  
rings must be less than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet in length and width, and
must be at least 18 inches in depth. A water supply or other approved fire-
extinguishing / fire extinguisher must be readily available. All campfires must
be attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing
equipment until the fire is completely out.

c) Campfires that are contained in designated fire rings, or permanent brick and
mortar fire pits, or fire grates on other private property not used for public picnic
areas or campgrounds. Fire rings, pits and grates must be at least 25 feet away
from all structures and must be less than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet in length
and width, and must be at least 18 inches in depth. A water supply or other
approved fire-extinguishing / fire extinguisher must be readily available. All
campfires must be attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire
extinguishing equipment until the fire is completely out.

d) Fires in fireplaces within buildings anywhere within Teller County.

e) Use of chainsaws with approved fire-extinguishing / fire extinguisher readily
available.

f) Outdoor welding or cutting with approved fire-extinguishing / fire extinguisher
readily available.

g) Smoking in areas clear of all flammable or combustible materials, or designated
smoking areas.

3. The following are prohibited under this Resolution:

a) Burning of materials not contained in an outdoor fireplace or permanent fire
ring described in Section 2 above.

b) Use of any explosives (except for permitted mining operations).

c) Use of fireworks of any type (except commercial fireworks within city limits).

d) Firing of model rockets.

e) Burning of irrigation ditches unless completely surrounded by irrigated
farmlands where burning is necessary for crop survival.

4. This Resolution shall be enforced by the Sheriff of Teller County or by the
administering agencies of state and federal lands located therein. An exemption
to this Resolution shall be granted only by the administering agency, and only if
the proposed action is deemed by the Sheriff or the state or federal administering
agency to be safe. Possession of a current Teller County Burn Permit does not
constitute an exemption. Open burning normally regulated by these permits is
prohibited.
5. These restrictions on open burning shall be in effect immediately, beginning April 30, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners.

APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2020 AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO, HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL AT TAMARAC, 800 RESEARCH DR., STE# 230 WOODLAND PARK, CO.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

[Signature]
Marc Dettenrieder, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Krystal Brown,
Clerk & Recorder