

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2010

Wheatland, Wyoming

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 P.M. pursuant to W.S. §16-4-404(b) with the following present: Tim Millikin, Chairman Pro Tem; Terry Stevenson, Commissioner; Gale Kittell, County Fire Warden; and Jean Dixon, Clerk of the Board. Chairman Kirkbride was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider adopting a fire ban resolution for Platte County. Commissioner Stevenson moved and Millikin seconded to approve Resolution #2010-15. The motion passed. Entitled: Resolution Closing Platte County Due to Fire Danger

WHEREAS, the Platte County Fire Warden has recommended on this day a partial closure of all of Platte County, Wyoming, to use of open fires and the use of incendiary devices, for an indefinite period; and

WHEREAS, Platte County, Wyoming is currently under an extreme extended drought condition, and the fire danger index is rated high; and

WHEREAS, the fire danger in Platte County is acute due to unseasonably high temperatures, (temperatures above normal during 2010); limited precipitation, (precipitation below normal during 2010); and high winds; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statutes §35-9-301, 35-9-302, and 35-9-303, give the Platte County Board of County Commissioners the authority, if certain conditions are met to "...close the area to any form of use by the public or may limit such use..", and

WHEREAS, it is uncertain how long the drought conditions may continue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Platte County, Wyoming, that effective September 20, 2010, at 1:00 PM, all of the unincorporated areas within the boundaries of Platte County are subject to a partial closure and all outdoor fires and the discharge of all fireworks, including, but not limited to Class A, B, and C fireworks, are prohibited except as follows:

- (i) The Wyoming Military Department land within Platte County for National Guard activities with the following disclaimer;
 - (a) The lands under the Wyoming Military Department including Camp Guernsey are excluded for military related operations and/or training, including controlled burns, when approved by appropriate Wyoming National Guard Range Officials.
 - (b) Any costs and services associated with the extinguishing of out-of-control manmade burns caused by this exception will be provided and paid for by the Wyoming Military Department.
- (ii) Frontier Astronautics LLC is excluded for the purpose of testing rocket engines, flight vehicles, and their associated hardware at their testing facility located at 609 Windmill Road.
All fire suppression costs associated with this exemption will be paid for by Frontier Astronautics.
- (iii) Attended trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., inside containers provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared area ten (10) feet in radius, are permitted.
- (iv) Attended campfires contained within an established fire ring at an established campground are permitted.
- (v) Attended charcoal fires and propane fires with enclosed grills, within arms reach of operator are permitted.
- (vi) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius is permitted.
- (vii) Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius are permitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the penalties, pursuant to W.S. §35-9-304, a \$100.00 fine, thirty (30) days in the Platte County Jail, or both, may be imposed for violation of the Resolution. The Platte County Fire Warden shall promptly notify the Board of Platte County Commissioners when the drought condition is mitigated and the fire danger has decreased, and upon such notice the closing may be modified.

Notice of fire closure shall be transmitted to the Wyoming State Forester, Bill Crapser, 1100 West 22nd Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September 2010.

/s/Tim Millikin, Commissioner

/s/Terry A. Stevenson, Commissioner

/s/Gale Kittell, Platte County Fire Warden

Attest: Jean Dixon, County Clerk

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at approximately 1:13 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approved: _____
Jean Dixon, Clerk of the Board Tim Millikin, Chairman Pro Tem