

**FIRE EMERGENCY
And
AUTOMATIC OPEN BURN POLICY PROCLAMATION
For
BOTTINEAU COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

April 4th, 2023

WHEREAS, Bottineau County, North Dakota has endured dry conditions

WHEREAS, Bottineau County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date; and

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

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

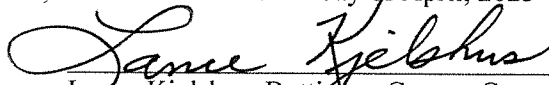
WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available County resources.

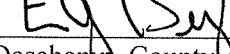
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners, pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10, declares a Fire Emergency and an Automatic Burn Policy on Open Burning (including, but not limited to, a ban on burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage burning, pit burning, construction debris, fallen trees, burning of farm land/ditches/sloughs) remain in effect **whenever the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the High, Very High or Extreme Status and/or a Red Flag warning has been issued for Bottineau County, North Dakota.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners, pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10, declares a Fire Emergency and an Automatic Burn Policy on Recreational Fires & Fireworks (including, but not limited to, a ban on fires associated with recreational activities like camping, fishing, or hunting where the purpose for the fire may be cooking, warmth, or ambiance, fire pits, fire rings, ignition of fireworks including firecrackers, rockets, shells, smoke bombs, and sparklers) remain in effect **whenever the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the Very High or Extreme Status and/or a Red Flag warning has been issued for Bottineau County, North Dakota.**

This policy will remain in effect until further notice. **ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN POLICY IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE). THE BOTTINEAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.**

DATED at Bottineau, North Dakota this 4th day of April, 2023


Lance Kjelshus, Bottineau County Commission

Attest: 
Emily Deschamp, County Auditor