

**FIRE EMERGENCY
And
BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION
For
BOTTINEAU COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

March 3rd, 2026

WHEREAS, Bottineau 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, Bottineau 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 Bottineau County; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners, declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions (including, but not limited to, a ban on burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage burning, pit burning, construction debris, fallen trees, and ditches) 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, declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions 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, sparklers, and burning of farm land/sloughs) 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.**

Crop residue and slough burning will be allowed when the Fire Danger Rating is "High" and no Red Flag Warning has been issued, with a tilled firebreak encompassing the perimeter of the burn, be in attendance until the burn is completed, and Bottineau Dispatch has been notified of the burn.

This policy will remain in effect until rescinded. **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). THE BOTTINEAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.**

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

DATED at Bottineau, North Dakota this 3rd day of March, 2026

Benjamin Tonneson
Benjamin Tonneson, Bottineau County Commission

Attest: Ex Dyr
Emily Deschamp, County Auditor