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Due to the very dry conditions in Kit Carson County a modified Fire ban must be put into place to protect the citizens of Kit Carson County.

1. As of 03-08-2017 there must be at least 80% (or within 5%) humidity and the wind speed shall be less than 10mph (or within 3 mph) to have a controlled burn or open fire in Kit Carson County.
2. Kit Carson County Sheriff Tom Ridnour has full discretion to implement a county wide **ALL FIRE BAN** depending on the conditions, which would include no outside burning allowed. If the Sheriff puts an **ALL FIRE BAN**. If an **ALL FIRE BAN** is put in place there will be no **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The sheriff will notify the public prior to implementing the ban via local media, agency website, social media, and the CodeRed system.
3. Controlled burn / Open Fires shall be defined as any outdoor burning of any size.

Exceptions

Attended outdoor fires where the fuel being burned is contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill, barbeque pit, or permanent fire pit or grate located on developed picnic grounds, campgrounds or private property, **with adequate fire suppression equipment present**, and a total fuel area not in excess of 3 feet (914 mm) in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) in height.

If a citizen wants to have a controlled burn / Open Fire they must first notify Kit Carson County Dispatch at **719-346-9325**. Kit Carson County dispatch will then check the wind speed and the humidity. If the wind speed and humidity is not 80% and the wind is above 10 mph dispatch will tell the person that wants to do the controlled burn that they can not burn due to the conditions. If a controlled burn is denied due to the conditions dispatch will notify the deputy that is on duty that they denied a controlled burn.

If the humidity is at least 80% and the wind speed is below 10 mph dispatch will tell the person that is having the controlled burn that it is okay to burn and notify the fire chief in that district along with notifying the deputy that is on duty.

Any controlled burn / Open Fire that is being requested inside a city or town limits must be approved by the fire chief in that district.

All requests for a Controlled Burn / Open Fire shall go through the Kit Carson County Sheriff's Office for approval.

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