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KIT CARSON COUNTY

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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 03-05-2021 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. Controlled burn / Open Fires shall be defined as any outdoor burning of any size.

Exceptions

a: Attended outdoor fires where the fuel being burned is contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, barbecue 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.

3. 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 cannot 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 there is a disagreement from the citizen regarding the burn being denied, Dispatch will contact the Sheriff for final approval.

An exception may be made if there has been substantial rainfall or snowfall recently, but will need approval from the sheriff.

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.

4. 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.

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

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