



Rolette County

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION For Rolette County, North Dakota March 18, 2025

WHEREAS, Rolette 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, Rolette 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 Rolette County; and

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

WHEREAS, Rolette 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 Rolette County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Adjective Fire Danger Rating is in the **(High, Very High or Extreme Rating and/or Red Flag Warning)** has been issued for Rolette County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded or through December 2025. **Exclusion to this Burn Restriction Declaration would be any North Dakota Certified Fire Agencies/Departments conducting necessary Fire Mitigation Burns, having the sole responsibility for maintaining such controlled burns.**

What's Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below <i>Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS</i> <i>(ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4)</i>	
Low	No restrictions. Controlled burns and cropland/agriculture burning must follow Rolette County's controlled burn procedure.
Moderate	No restrictions. Controlled burns and cropland/agriculture burning must follow Rolette County's controlled burn procedure.
High	Campfire or bonfire, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (grass, trees, garbage pits, wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), and cropland/agriculture burning.



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Very High	Campfire or bonfire, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (grass, trees, garbage pits, wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), and cropland/agriculture burning.
Extreme	Campfire or bonfire, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (grass, trees, garbage pits, wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), and cropland/agriculture burning.
Red Flag Warning	Campfire or bonfire, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), controlled burns (grass, trees, garbage pits, wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), and cropland/agriculture burning.

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).

This declaration is for all of Rolette County. However, incorporated cities and tribal governments within the county may have their own permanent burn restrictions based on local ordinances. Please check with the city or tribe that you live in before burning.

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

DATED at Rolla, North Dakota this 18th day of March, 2025

Allen Schlenvogt, Chair
Rolette County Commission

Kimberly Wuerf, Auditor
Rolette County Auditor