

Eddy County Emergency Management

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Fire Index Rated Fire Emergency & Burn Restrictions Declaration

Eddy County, North Dakota February 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Eddy 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, Eddy 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 Eddy County and

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

WHEREAS, Eddy County wishes to regulate activities within the Eddy County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should drought weather conditions exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Eddy County Commissioners activates a Fire Index Rated Fire Emergency and Bum Restrictions Declaration effective when the National Weather Service initiates a North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Index Rating in the High, Very High, Extreme and/or Red Flag Warning categorise for Eddy County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded.

What's Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below	
Certain types of burning is prohibited if the Fire Index is in the High, Very High, Extreme or Red Flag Warning categories	
as issued by the National Weather Service.	
The daily fire index rating is available at https://ndresponse.gov	
Low	Please report all controlled burns to the non-emergency line at the LR – 911 Center at 701-662-5323
Moderate	Please report all controlled burns to the non-emergency line at the LR – 911 Center at 701-662-5323
High	Controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland / agricultural lands and
	garbage / pits.
Very High	Controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland / agricultural lands,
	garbage / pits and campfires.
	Controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland / agricultural lands,
Extreme	garbage / pits, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), campfires and unnecessary off-road
	motorized travel (any roadway that is not paved or graveled).
	Controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), cropland / agricultural lands,
Red Flag Warning	garbage / pits, the ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), campfires and unnecessary off-road

The penalty for violaton of this order is a Class B Misdemeanor (NDCC37.17.1-10.1:) subject to a maximum sentence of 30 days in jail and a \$1,500 fine

motorized travel (any roadway that is not paved or graveled).

Dated at Eddy County, North Dakota this 4th day of February 2025

Glenda Collier, Commission Chairperson

Eddy County, North Dakota

Becki Schumacher, Auditor Eddy County, North Dakota