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## BURN BAN PRESS RELEASE

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The Blackfoot, Aberdeen, and Shelley/Firth Fire Chief's along with the Board of Bingham County Commissioners have issued a burn ban in Bingham County effective June 26, 2026, through September 30, 2026, via Resolution 2026-40. You can still use your BBQ grill and have small backyard cooking fires in firepits 3 foot or less in diameter and 2 foot or less in height (IFC code 307.4 exception 2).

### Ban Details:

- **Prohibited:** No open burning, recreational fires, or fireworks are allowed within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas of Bingham County.
- **Exemptions:** Commercial gas fire pits and food preparation appliances (such as gas grills or charcoal briquettes) remain permitted when used strictly according to manufacturer instruction.
- **Fireworks:** Only non-aerial fireworks are permitted in non-WUI areas, which are generally defined as areas where homes or other infrastructure meets or intermingles with undeveloped wildland or other vegetation.
- Per Idaho State Code, **aerial fireworks are strictly prohibited everywhere except for approved professional displays.**

This restriction will remain in effect until further notice. Please check the Department of Environmental Quality website for daily air quality restrictions before having a cooking fire. ([www.deq.idaho.gov](http://www.deq.idaho.gov))

This does not apply to individuals camping on forest service land. You will need to call the forest service to find out their restrictions.

No burn permits will be issued until further notice. Currently issued burn permits are no longer valid.

This burn ban does not involve Government Agencies with prior approval from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Reminder: The sale and use of fireworks is not allowed after July 5<sup>th</sup> at midnight under Idaho Code Title 39 Chapter 26.

**Be aware that any fires started during a burn ban are subject to fines, cost of damages and cost of fire suppression.**

We are asking residents to be extra vigilant. One small mistake could quickly escalate into a fast-moving fire that could threaten the entire community. Residents with questions regarding the burn ban or fireworks are encouraged to contact their local fire department or district.

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