

BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO  
RESOLUTION #2026-40  
Hereby Declares an Emergency  
and Authorizes the Implementation of a Burning Ban

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WHEREAS, the Board values the lives and safety of Bingham County residents and take such matters affecting the same seriously; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby declares that conditions and circumstances within the County now or in the future will necessitate the imposition of an Open Fire Ban to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board in the interest of protecting, regulating, and governing the safeguarding of life and property and in connection with the International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, per Bingham County Code Section 5-4-3, which authorizes the prohibition of open burning when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous; and

WHEREAS, many parts of Bingham County are extremely dry and due to current conditions, the threat of wildfires is severe;

WHEREAS, wildfires constitute a real threat to life and property in Bingham County;

WHEREAS, it is commonly known that from time to time there exists extreme or serious danger and threat of forest fires, grassfires and wildfires due to dry weather and vegetation conditions in Bingham County and that fires have caused property damage and the potential for risk and loss of life;

WHEREAS, the Bingham County Central Transfer Station is regulated and monitored in the process of disposal of waste products, including agricultural wastes, silviculture wastes, land clearing debris, diseased trees, or debris from emergency cleanup operations;

WHEREAS, in the interest of the safety of the public, it is necessary to continue operations at the Bingham County Central Transfer Station and therefore, the Bingham County Central Transfer Station will remain exempt from the Open Fire Ban as long as the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality deems it safe to continue to operate;

WHEREAS, the public is encouraged to properly dispose of waste products at the Bingham County Central Transfer Station, waste of which would include agricultural waste, silviculture waste, land clearing debris, diseased trees, or debris from emergency cleanup operations.

WHEREAS, for the safety of the county citizens and pursuant to Bingham County Ordinance 5-4-13, concerning the discharge of fireworks, the ordinance will be strongly enforced, only professional display firework permits will be issued, during the duration of the Open Fire Ban;

WHEREAS, non-Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas are generally defined as in areas where homes or other infrastructure meets or intermingles with undeveloped wildland or other vegetation;

WHEREAS, Only non-aerial fireworks are permitted in non-Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas. Per Idaho Code, aerial fireworks are strictly prohibited everywhere except for approved professional displays;

WHEREAS, the Board finds is necessary to prohibit Open Fire, as defined in the Bingham County Ordinance NO.2020-4 and in the International Fire Code;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION:

From June 26, 2026 until September 30, 2026, or such earlier date as set forth by the Board, the Board hereby authorizes the local fire districts to enforce and implement Bingham County Code 5-4-3 and the Board declares a ban on Open Fires of any kind, on all private property located in the Unincorporated Areas of the County, except campfires built within an approved pit at improved campgrounds or picnic areas and smoking , except within an enclosed vehicle, building or developed recreation site. This area shall not include public lands belonging to the United States of America or the State of Idaho located within the Unincorporated Areas of the County. Burn permits are required for agricultural burning, however, no permits are being issued at this time.

This resolution does not include Government Agencies with prior approval from the Department of Environmental Quality and the fire department.

This resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026, during the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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Whitney Manwaring, Chairman

  
Eric Jackson, Commissioner

  
Drew Jensen, Commissioner