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Stark County Declares a Fire Emergency and Institutes Burn Ban

~ Call before you burn ~

Dickinson, ND – Stark County has declared a Fire Emergency and instituted a Burn Ban effective immediately and until further notice. The area is experiencing dry conditions. The burn ban remains in effect when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Rating is in the “High”, “Very High”, or “Extreme” category and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued.

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN BAN IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND \$1,500 FINE).

The Rangeland Fire Rating is issued on a daily basis. The rating and additional information can be found at www.starkcountynd.gov/fire.

Citizens should contact the Stark County / City of Dickinson Dispatch center at 701-456-7759 **before** a controlled burn is started so that emergency responders are not dispatched for reports of a fire when it is a controlled burn. Be prepared to give your name, contact number, location of controlled burn, and anticipated duration of the burn. **After** the burning is completed and the fire is out, again contact this number to inform them of the completion of the controlled burn.

A Controlled burn needs to be **physically** monitored at all times. Once the fire has been started, do not leave until the fire is completely out.

Be prepared if the fire gets out of hand. Call **9-1-1** immediately and have resources available to mitigate the fire (water, tractor, digger, shovels).

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