

**FIRE EMERGENCY DECLARATION
BURN BAN PROCLAMATION**

STARK COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

April 5, 2016

WHEREAS, Stark County, North Dakota has potential dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available from this years growth; and

WHEREAS; Stark County has sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date and the Stark County Department of Emergency Services has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS; all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS; the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Stark County; and

WHEREAS; the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear and fire damages may be in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Stark County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban to include a ban on ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires, burning of farm or crop land, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel 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 for Stark County, North Dakota. The daily Rangeland Fire Rating can be found at the following web site: <http://www.wfas.net/prod/nplains/FDBISBC.txt>

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10): MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500 FINE (NDCC 12.1-32.01)

Dated Dickinson, North Dakota this 5th day of April, 2016.



Russ Hoff, Chairman
Stark County Commission