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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AGENDA
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 *SPECIAL MEETING
NAVAJO COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS
100 EAST CODE TALKERS DRIVE
HOLBROOK, AZ 86025

All Supervisors will be appearing virtually.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(H), the public body will have physical access to the meeting place one (1) hour prior to the start of the meeting.

The Board may vote to meet in a closed executive session to discuss certain matters and for legal advice on any item as indicated on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). Items on the agenda may be considered out of order at the Chairperson's discretion. A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Board, except for items to be considered in the executive session, is available for public inspection on the Navajo County website, www.navajocountyaz.gov

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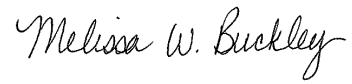
11:00 a.m. Call To Order:

1. **NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT:** Board of Directors Session:
 - a. Consideration of a Declaration of Emergency due to extreme fire danger and to enact Section 6 of the Navajo County Ordinance 01-19 Emergency Fire Restrictions, to enter into Stage 1 fire restrictions beginning Friday February 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Presented By: Catrina Jenkins
2. **ADJOURN**

Dated: February 25, 2025

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Posted: 9:55 a.m. By: MWB

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa W. Buckley".

Melissa W. Buckley - Clerk of the Board



Board of Supervisors Special

1. a.

Meeting Date: 02/26/2025

Title: Declaration of Emergency due to extreme fire danger to enact Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Submitted For: Catrina Jenkins, EMP Director

Submitted By: Catrina Jenkins, EMP Director

Department: NC Public Health Services District **Division:** Emergency Management

Presented By: Catrina Jenkins

Motion before the Board:

Consideration of a Declaration of Emergency due to extreme fire danger and to enact Section 6 of the Navajo County Ordinance 01-19 Emergency Fire Restrictions, to enter into Stage 1 fire restrictions beginning Friday February 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Background:

The White Mountain Fire Coordination Group has initiated discussions regarding the prevailing conditions throughout the region. This year has been one of the driest on record, with negligible precipitation during the winter months and throughout last year's monsoon season. Weather forecasts indicate that no significant precipitation is expected in the near future; long-range projections also anticipate below-normal rainfall and above-normal temperatures during the spring and into the summer months, thereby exacerbating Arizona's drought conditions. Furthermore, multiple fires of human origin have occurred in various areas throughout the region. These incidents, coupled with the catastrophic fatal fires in California in January, have substantially heightened regional concern.

In light of these factors and other elements of our operational plan, the WMFCG recommends that Stage 1 Fire Restrictions be implemented in coordination with our regional partners on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. This measure represents the earliest implementation of fire restrictions in our region in the past 12 years.

All residents, visitors, and businesses are urged to educate themselves and others about the measures necessary to prevent human-caused wildfires. Such measures include refraining from constructing, igniting, or using wood, coal, charcoal, or briquette fires except in areas designated for that purpose, such as authorized campgrounds or locations on private property that are free of debris. Additionally, smoking materials and fireplace ashes must be disposed of responsibly, tow chains should not be allowed to drag, and all mechanical activities—such as welding, grinding, or cutting—should be conducted only in safe areas and on days when wind speeds do not exceed 10 mph. These and other mitigation strategies are critical to protecting our community from dangerous and costly wildfires.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.

Attachments

Declaration of Emergency Wildfire

Form Review

Inbox

Health Director

Form Started By: Catrina Jenkins

Final Approval Date: 02/24/2025

Reviewed By

Janelle Linn

Date

02/24/2025 04:24 PM

Started On: 02/24/2025 03:24 PM



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Declaration of Emergency

WHEREAS, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors is authorized by ARS § 26-311 and to declare an emergency due to wildfire which endangers life or property within the city, or the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo County Emergency Manager is recommending enacting Emergency Fire Restrictions as set forth under Navajo County Ordinance 01-19 Section 6 which outlines Emergency Fire Restrictions for Navajo County to begin on February 28, 2025 at 0800: and

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfire in Navajo County can have a catastrophic impact on the lives, property and welfare of the citizens and visitors of Navajo County and as such Navajo County has a legal and ethical obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of Navajo County; and

WHEREAS, the people, lands, infrastructure and economic activities within the boundaries of Navajo County are under imminent threat from wildfire due to strong winds, relatively high temperatures and extremely dry conditions, and;

NOW, THEREFORE the Navajo County Board of Supervisors issues this Declaration of Emergency in Navajo County and the Chairman is hereby authorized to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to ARS § 26-311.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at Holbrook, Arizona, on June 5, 2024.

APPROVED:

DATED: February 26, 2025

-Jason Whiting, Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk
Navajo County Board of Supervisors