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Board of Commissioners
Cass County Government
211 9 Street S.
Fargo, ND 58103

Burn Ban Declaration

Commissioners:

- We are all aware of the extremely dry conditions. On April 5th, 2021, this commission enacted a burn ban to be activated based on the fire danger index map rating of Very High or Extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service.
- Recent conversations and requests from rural fire chiefs have indicated a need for a more restrictive ban due to number of service calls, fires within residential areas, and the upcoming harvest season.
- Two declarations are before you today both presenting the option of an increased or tightening of the burn ban.
 - Adding the fire danger index rating level of "High"
 - Adding the fire danger index rating levels of both "High" and "Moderate"
- Based on the number of calls for service, the ongoing drought conditions, the drying of crops, I would suggest adoption of the declaration with the "**Moderate**" level or higher index rating to activate the burn ban.

Suggested Motion: Move to accept changes to our current burn ban declaration by adding both "Moderate" and "High" fire danger index ratings that activate the burn ban.

Jim Prochniak
Emergency Manager

CASS COUNTY
FIRE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

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Dated this 2nd of August, 2021 at Cass County, North Dakota.

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