

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY-WIDE OPEN BURNING BAN

Effective July 1, 2025

Due to the current and expected weather and fuels conditions, Bannock County Commissioners have ordered a County-wide moratorium on all open burning in unincorporated areas of the County. Under authority of the Fire Chief, this ban is adopted and enforceable within the Lava Rural Fire District and the City of Lava Hot Springs.

There will be no burn permits issued.

Burning is prohibited.

Sky Lanterns, whether tethered or un-tethered, are prohibited pursuant to the Uniform Fire Code and State Law.

All fireworks and exploding targets are prohibited under this ban in the urban interface area, except for municipal fireworks displays.

Aerial fireworks (that is any firework that leaves the ground) are already prohibited pursuant to Idaho Code.

Campfires or recreation fire are allowed in **developed campgrounds and residential properties only**. Such allowed recreational fires must comply with fire code limitations: Contained within a pit or ring, not to exceed 3' diameter, 3' flame height, and 25' from structures or ignitable objects, and should be screened to eliminate airborne embers.

Under the ban, portable cooking equipment such as propane or charcoal fired stoves or grills are allowed, but caution must be exercised.

Federal and State restrictions may be imposed on all public or private-forested lands in the near future. Current prohibitions exist on public lands prohibiting use of fireworks, exploding targets, tracer or steel-core ammunition or other incendiary devices.

Violation of these restrictions may bring criminal or civil penalties, and subject violators to financial liability.

This moratorium will remain in effect until October 1, 2025

Unless rescinded, modified or extended by the Bannock County Board of Commissioners and/or local Fire Authority.