RESOLUTION NO: 2012-14
Fire Emergency Order

WHEREAS, the Billings County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that current conditions have created an extreme risk to the citizens and property within Billings County, ND, of unnecessary loss by fire; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to regulate activities within the County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BILLINGS COUNTY IS DECLARED UNDER A FIRE EMERGENCY ORDER AND A BURN BAN IS IN FORCE.

1. No travel is to be allowed off of surfaced roadways normally used for vehicular traffic except as necessary for normal farmer/rancher or industry operations.

2. Industrial operating crews and farmer/rancher operations shall have fire extinguishers and normal fire-fighting equipment at hand, and industrial personnel shall remain at the job site for one-half hour after daily operations are completed.

3. Smoking is restricted to inside of vehicles or buildings.

4. Burn ban to include any open burning which includes a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage or pit burning and campfires.

5. This burn ban is in effect for Billings County when the Fire Index is in the High, Very High or Extreme category until further notice.

Pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10, any person who willfully violates the burning ban established by this resolution is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor (UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A $1000.00 FINE.), and restitution of fire suppression costs may be sought from the court.

Dated at Medora, ND, this 29th day of October, 2012
Billings County, North Dakota

By: Allen J. Thompson Via Chm
Jim Arthaud, Board Chairman

Attest: Joan Jurgens
Joan Jurgens, County Auditor