

**AMENDED**  
**RESOLUTION #2012-8**

**RESOLUTION CLOSING PLATTE COUNTY**  
**DUE TO FIRE DANGER**

**WHEREAS**, the Platte County Fire Warden has recommended on this day a partial closure of all of Platte County, Wyoming, to use of open fires and the use of incendiary devices, for an indefinite period; and

**WHEREAS**, Platte County, Wyoming is currently under an extreme extended drought condition, and the fire danger index is rated high; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire danger in Platte County is acute due to unseasonably high temperatures, (temperatures above normal during 2012); limited precipitation, (precipitation below normal during 2012) and high winds; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming Statutes §35-9-301, 35-9-302, and 35-9-303, give the Platte County Board of County Commissioners the authority, if certain conditions are met to "...close the area to any form of use by the public or may limit such use.", and

**WHEREAS**, it is uncertain how long the drought conditions may continue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Platte County, Wyoming, that effective April 3, 2012, at 10:30 AM, all of the unincorporated areas within the boundaries of Platte County are subject to a partial closure and all outdoor fires and the discharge of all fireworks, including, but not limited to Class A, B, and C fireworks, are prohibited except as follows:

- (i) The Wyoming Military Department land within Platte County for National Guard activities with the following disclaimer;
  - (a) The lands under the Wyoming Military Department including Camp Guernsey are excluded for military related operations and/or training, including controlled burns, when approved by appropriate Wyoming National Guard Range Officials.
  - (b) Any costs and services associated with the extinguishing of out-of-control manmade burns caused by this exception will be provided and paid for by the Wyoming Military Department.
- (ii) Frontier Astronautics LLC is excluded for the purpose of testing rocket engines, flight vehicles, and their associated hardware at their testing facility located at 609 Windmill Road. All fire suppression costs associated with this exemption will be paid for by Frontier Astronautics.
- (iii) Wheatland Irrigation District is excluded for the purpose of burning their irrigation ditches and canals. All fire suppression

costs associated with this exemption will be paid for by Wheatland Irrigation District.

- (iv) Removed.
- (v) Removed.
- (vi) Attended charcoal fires and propane fires with enclosed grills within arms reach of operator are permitted.
- (vii) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius is permitted.
- (viii) Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius are permitted.
- (ix) Town of Wheatland to burn their tree limb pile. All fire suppression costs associated with this exemption will be paid for by Town of Wheatland.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the penalties, pursuant to W.S. §35-9-304, a \$100.00 fine, thirty (30) days in the Platte County Jail, or both, may be imposed for violation of the Resolution. The Platte County Fire Warden shall promptly notify the Board of Platte County Commissioners when the fire danger has decreased, and upon such notice the closing may be modified.

Notice of fire closure shall be transmitted to the Wyoming State Forester, Bill Crapser, 1100 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

**PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED** this 19th day of June 2012.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

/s/Tim Millikin, Commissioner

/s/Terry Stevenson, Commissioner

/s/Steve Shockley, Commissioner

/s/Gale Kittell, Platte County Fire Warden

**ATTEST:**/s/Chris Kanwischer, County Clerk