

*Las Animas County*

# Board of County Commissioners

*Kenneth M. Jones*  
Chairman Pro-Tem

*Robert L. Valdez*  
Chairman

*Jim D. Montoya*  
County Commissioner

**A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners  
of Las Animas County, Colorado  
Modifying the Fire Ban  
for Las Animas County  
Resolution L.A.C. #03- 27**

**Whereas,**

Drought conditions and a high fire danger existed in Las Animas County and elsewhere within Colorado, during calendar year 2002, resulting from low precipitation, low humidity, concentrations of fuels and weather conditions conducive to wildfires.

**Whereas,**

At the recommendation of the County Sheriff, in his capacity as the County Fire Warden, the Board of County Commissioners enacted a Fire Ban, in accordance with authority granted under CRS 30-15-401 (n.5), for all of Las Animas County, by the adoption of Resolution # 02-18, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

**Whereas**

Drought conditions and high fire danger continue to exist within Las Animas County posing a continued threat of wildfires thereby creating a risk to life and property.

**Whereas,**

The Las Animas County Fire Chiefs' Association has considered the necessity for the continuation of open fire restrictions to minimize the risk for wildfires and has recommended to the Las Animas County Sheriff/Fire Warden the continuation of the Fire Ban with modifications including the institution of a new Fire Burn Permit process.

**Whereas,**

The Las Animas County Sheriff/Fire Warden/  
Fire Marshall, has recommended to the Board of County Commissioners the continuation of the Fire Ban, with modification as recommended by the Las Animas County Fire Chiefs' Association and the institution of a Fire Burn Permit process.

**Now, therefore be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado, that:**

**1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby accepts the recommendations of the Las Animas County Sheriff/Fire Warden, to continue the Fire Ban, established under authority of CRS 30-15-401 (n.5), initially instituted on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002, with the following restated restrictions:**

- a) no person shall set or maintain an open fire or campfire except within a permanently constructed campfire grate in a developed campground, closed barbecue grill or gas fueled camp stove;**
- b) no person shall smoke except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials;**
- c) no person shall set or maintain a fire in any container, or set or maintain any agricultural burning, including the burning of vegetation within or along any irrigation ditch in any unincorporated area of Las Animas County without having obtained a Controlled Burn Permit to do so issued by a Fire District/Department under the authority of the Las Animas County Sheriff/Fire Warden;**
- d) no person shall set off or use any fire works which explode or consist of any incendiary device or which may result in secondary burns, without written permission of the Las Animas County Sheriff/Fire Warden, or his authorized designee.**

**2. This Fire Ban shall remain in full force and affect until subsequent action is taken by this Board to modify it or rescinded it.**

**FIRE DART**

Upon motion made and seconded, this Resolution was adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of March, 2003.

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By Order of the Board of County Commissioners  
of Las Animas County, Colorado

**ABSENT**

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Robert L. Valdez, Chairman



Kenneth M. Torres, Chairman Pro Tem



Jim D. Montoya, Commissioner

Attest:

 **Bernard J. Gonzales, County Clerk**



Bernard J. Gonzales, County Clerk & Recorder

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read**

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