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PRESS RELEASE

In the April 18th Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Custer County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to extend the Stage II Fire Restrictions set in place last month. This decision was based on the recommendation of Sheriff Byerly and WMVFPD Chief Kit Shy. We encourage all citizens to review the Fire restrictions and be aware of the precautions we all must take to prevent a wildfire during the current conditions. The ban will be in effect an additional 30 days. The ban will once again be reviewed in 30 days as required by the ordinance.

Currently, the National Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands are not under fire restrictions, but this does not reduce the potential for fires on those lands and we ask all citizens to be cautious.

For specific information regarding the fire ban restrictions, please visit the Sheriff's Website at http://www.custercountygov.com/index.php?pg=sheriff and click on the Burn Ordinance to review the regulations specific to Stage II restrictions.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Sheriff's Office or the Office of Emergency Management.

Thank you, Sheriff Byerly

For further information contact Sheriff Shannon Byerly or Undersheriff Chris Barr at 719-783-2270.

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