

# Luna County Volunteer Fire Department



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## **Burn Ban**

Due to ongoing drought, and severe fire danger, Luna County is implementing an open burn ban effective May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, and will remain in effect for 30 days or until conditions change to reduce the fire danger, at which time we will reevaluate the need for the open burn restrictions and update as appropriate.

The Fire Department uses several criteria to determine when to implement restrictions, including current and predicted weather, fuel moisture, and fire activity levels. The restriction of open burning is a proactive way to reduce the very real risk of fire; we must do what we can to protect our County from wildfire, protect our natural resources, and we must protect the safety of our community.

The open burn ban restricts any outdoor fires such as weed burning, cooking fires, and bonfires. Additionally, we urge you to use extreme caution when utilizing an open flame such as welding or grinding and have at least a 4-foot in diameter area cleared of all flammable material with a water source or extinguisher available. If smoking please refrain from dropping or tossing a lit cigarette on the ground, and ensure it is fully extinguished before disposal. Please avoid parking or leavening a running vehicle in dry brush or cotton, this can create a fire that will spread.

The Fourth of July is coming up we also encourage all residents to use ONLY "Safe and Sane" fireworks. No stick-type rockets, helicopters and aerial spinners, missile-type rockets, ground audible devices, firecrackers, and display fireworks.

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Pablo Montoya  
Fire Chief / Emergency Services Director