

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 097

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROHIBITING ALL OPEN BURNING IN
GALLATIN COUNTY**

This Resolution was introduced by Chairman Seifert, moved by Commissioner Skinner, and seconded by Commissioner MacFarlane. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Commission can restrict activities in high fire hazard areas pursuant to § 7-33-2212, MCA and the Gallatin County Fire Control Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Fire Control Regulations authorize the Gallatin County Commission to “require any person, firm or corporate entity to cease any or all operations or activities including all burning activity in any Gallatin County High Fire Hazard Areas,” including any Open Burning and any Recreational Fires;

WHEREAS, due to current weather conditions in Gallatin County, including extreme high heat, high winds, local fire activity, low humidity, and general high fire danger throughout the area, emergency precautions are required to prohibit all open burning in Gallatin County to protect health, life and property;

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Fire Warden has recommended the County Commission adopt this emergency resolution throughout Gallatin County;

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Commission may adopt an emergency resolution without providing 48-hours’ notice, pursuant to § 2-3-112, MCA, when it must make a decision to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety;

WHEREAS, the Bridger Foothills Fire currently is burning in Gallatin County, is continuing to spread, and has necessitated emergency evacuations; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, the Gallatin County Commission finds that an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, and safety exists, and it is necessary to adopt the following protective measures throughout Gallatin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, it hereby is resolved as follows:

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, and through September 8, 2020, all open burning in Gallatin County is PROHIBITED. This prohibition includes all burn barrels, field burning, recreational fires, and campfires.

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DATED this 5th day of September, 2020.

GALLATIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS



Donald F. Seifert

Attest:



Eric Semerad
Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder