

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-02-2026 (25)

A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE EXISTING STAGE II FIRE BAN TO A STAGE I FIRE BAN THAT RESTRICTS OPEN BURNING IN TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, weather conditions and resulting precipitation have contributed to the improvement of existing dry conditions throughout the region and;

WHEREAS, open burning can be a prime cause of wildfire in Teller County; and

WHEREAS, current conditions and circumstances of high fire hazard still exist in Teller County and necessitate the imposition of Stage I Fire Ban restrictions on open burning to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Teller County, Colorado, and the Teller County Fire Chiefs have requested the revision of the Stage II Fire Ban restrictions to Stage I Fire Ban restrictions on open burning in Teller County; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended to implement the open fire ban authorized by Ordinance #17; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this resolution is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Teller County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado by virtue of the authority vested in the Board by the laws and Constitution of Colorado, including specifically C.R.S. 30-15-401(1)(n.5), DOES HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. Open burning is banned on private and public lands in Teller County, State of Colorado, except as allowed for by this Resolution.
2. The following are allowed under this order:
 - a) use of charcoal grills, gas barbecues, liquid fueled gas stoves or lanterns, in each case that are at least 10 feet away from combustible materials.
 - b) Campfires that are contained in a permanent fire ring located in developed and designated picnic and/ or campgrounds on public or private lands for public



use. Designated fire rings must be at least 25 feet away from all structures. Fire rings must be less than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet in length and width, and must be at least 18 inches in depth. A water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing / fire extinguisher must be readily available. All campfires must be attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment until the fire is completely out.

- c) Campfires that are contained in designated fire rings, or permanent brick and mortar fire pits, or fire grates on other private property not used for public picnic areas or campgrounds. Fire rings, pits and grates must be at least 25 feet away from all structures and must be less than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet in length and width, and must be at least 18 inches in depth. A water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing / fire extinguisher must be readily available. All campfires must be attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment until the fire is completely out.
- d) Fires in fireplaces within buildings anywhere within Teller County.
- e) Use of chainsaws with approved fire-extinguishing / fire extinguisher readily available.
- f) Outdoor welding or cutting with approved fire-extinguishing / fire extinguisher readily available.
- g) Smoking in areas clear of all flammable or combustible materials, or designated smoking areas.

3. The following are prohibited under this order:

- a) Burning of materials not contained in an outdoor fireplace or permanent fire ring described in Section 2 above.
- b) Use of any explosives (except for permitted mining operations), including explosive targets.
- c) Use of fireworks of any type (except commercial fireworks within city limits).
- d) Firing of model rockets.
- e) Burning of irrigation ditches unless completely surrounded by irrigated farmlands where burning is necessary for crop survival.

4. This Resolution shall be enforced by the Sheriff of Teller County or by the administering agencies of state and federal lands located therein. An exemption



to this Resolution shall be granted only by the administering agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by the Sheriff or the state or federal administering agency to be safe. Possession of a current Teller County Burn Permit does not constitute an exemption. Open burning normally regulated by these permits is prohibited.

5. These restrictions on open burning shall be in effect immediately, beginning September 2, 2026, at 12:00 PM and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners.
6. This resolution and restriction rescinds and replaces Teller County Resolution 03-20-2026 (11) and Resolution 06-09-2026 (21).

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026 AT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO, SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT 800 RESEARCH DRIVE IN WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Erik Stone, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathryn L. Baumert (Deputy)
Stephanie Kees,
Clerk & Recorder

