



MERCER COUNTY

FIRE EMERGENCY DECLARATION & BURN BAN
Mercer County
May 6, 2026

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Mercer County, North Dakota, has the potential for dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

WHEREAS, Mercer County has sustained or has been threatened with rural fires in the past, and the Mercer County Department of Emergency Services has consulted with local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fire could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could exceed available resources; and

WHEREAS, the potential to cause wear/ tear and unprecedented costs due to fire damage could exceed County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED NOW, the Mercer County Board of Commissioners declares a Burn Restriction and Fire Emergency effective when the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is in the LOW, MODERATE, HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME rating and/or RED FLAG WARNING has been issued for Mercer County, North Dakota, to include all incorporated cities and when effective immediately until rescinded or through December 31st, 2026.

No Burning When Activity Matches Below

Table with 2 columns: Rating (Low, Moderate, High, Very High, Extreme, Red Flag Warning) and Description of burning restrictions for each rating.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1) PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$1500.00 AND 30 DAYS IN JAIL. THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.

DATED at Stanton, North Dakota, this 6th day of May 2026.

Signature of Rick Bauman, Chairman, Mercer County Commission

ATTEST: Signature of Carmen Reed, Mercer County Auditor