PUBLIC NOTICE

BURNING BAN

Because McCook County is experiencing very dry conditions due to the lack of rain, unduly hazardous fire conditions now exist in the County.

With the approval of the McCook County Commission a ban is being imposed to prohibit or restrict open burning to protect the public health and safety pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 34-21-39.

"Open burning" shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including burning of fence rows, fields, wild lands, trash, and debris. This excludes fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, fireplaces within all buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences and permanent fire pits or fire grates located on supervised developed picnic grounds and campgrounds.

Questions can be directed to McCook County Emergency Management Director BJ Stiefvater @ 421-8392 or mcems2@triotel.net

This ban will be in place until fire conditions improve as determined by Emergency personnel within McCook County and it is **effective Tuesday**, **April 5**, **2022**.

Dated this 5th day of April 2022.

McCook County Emergency Manager