



**Open Burn Ban Begins June 25th for City of Kamiah
and Kamiah Fire Protection District, under the
Joint Powers Agreement of Kamiah Fire-Rescue**

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The current risk of wildfire within the wildland urban-interface (WUI) in the Kamiah area is higher than normal due to the lack of moisture, the extreme heat now affecting the area for the present and future time, and that the area's live and dead fuel moistures are drastically changing to promote rapid fire growth, ***Kamiah Fire-Rescue is issuing an Open Burn Ban, with exemptions.***

The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during unusually high fire danger and/or burning conditions.

This is being done under the authority IDAPA 18.08.01.012.01(a), The prevention of fires; and under Kamiah City Code 8.20.040, Restrictions on Open Burning, (F) The mayor, on the advice of the fire chief, shall have the authority to rescind open burning immediately if it is determined that atmospheric, weather, or hazardous circumstances constitute a threat to the public's safety or property.

Exemptions:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited acts.
- Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels. Such devices, including propane patio fire box, contained briquette, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
- Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Open Burn Ban shall remain in effect until October 1, 2021, or until rescinded by the Fire Chief. This will be done in working with our local IDL Fire Warden, Nez Perce Tribe, or other land management agencies.

Special Notice: Any person(s) who causes a fire that results in personal property loss, personal injury, or loss of life, could be held both civilly and/or criminal liable for said actions.

In addition, local, county, state, and federal response agencies have the authority to seek reimbursement for suppression costs, respective of their agency rules and policies.

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Mayor, City of Kamiah

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Fire Chief

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