

RESOLUTION NO. 1675

A RESOLUTION OF THE YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN FIRES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY, URGING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FIRE RESTRICTIONS ENACTED BY AUTHORIZED ENTITIES AND URGING PARTICULAR CAUTION IN ALL USES OF FIRE DURING THE PERIOD OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER

WHEREAS, wildfires within the boundaries of Yavapai County have caused widespread damage to public and private property and continue to threaten further destruction; and

WHEREAS, wildfires threaten the health and safety of the public and continue to jeopardize the peace and order in the currently-affected areas of Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS, extreme fire danger conditions as presently exist within Yavapai County pose an imminent threat of wildfires within Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS, during periods of extreme fire danger flames and sparks from campfires and other open fires may easily ignite surrounding fuel materials resulting in wildfires and thereby further increasing the threat to public health, safety, peace and order in Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS, authorized federal, state and local entities have enacted fire restrictions for certain areas within their jurisdictions and may enact additional restrictions in the future as conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, persons violating fire restrictions enacted by authorized entities may be subject to criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the Yavapai County Emergency Management Coordinator has recommended that Yavapai County take such steps as may be appropriate to advise the public of the extreme fire danger, to impose limitations on open fires and campfires on both public and private lands, to urge strict compliance with fire restrictions and to general promote fire safety throughout Yavapai County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- (1) Subject to those exceptions set forth in the Resolution, all open fires and campfires on private and public lands in the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County are hereby prohibited until such time as the Emergency Management Coordinator of Yavapai County determines that the extreme fire danger has subsided.
- (2) Fireworks and other pyrotechnic displays are expressly subject to said prohibition. unless such displays are approved in writing in advance by the responding fire agency and a fireworks permit is approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- (3) Petroleum-fueled stoves or lanterns and enclosed charcoal barbeque grills operated in residential yards are exempted from this prohibition, but the public is urged to exercise extreme caution in the use of such stove, lanterns or grills.
- (4) The public is urged to strictly obey any and all federal, state or local fire restrictions currently in force as well as any such restrictions as may be enacted in the future.
- (5) The fire restrictions set forth in this Resolution shall be subject to any exceptions established by current or future federal, state or local fire restrictions and shall not apply on those public lands on which fire restrictions have not been imposed.

- (6) Regardless of any exceptions to the fire restrictions contained in this Resolution or any exceptions contained in fire restrictions enacted by other entities, the public is hereby urged to use particular caution in all uses of fire during this period of extreme fire danger.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2008.

/s/ Carol Springer
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/ Julie Ayers
Clerk, Board of Supervisors