



STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR DROUGHT AND FIRE CONDITIONS

President Kevin Killer of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge Agency, has issued a “STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR DROUGHT AND FIRE CONDITIONS” BURN BAN.

DUE TO THE LACK OF MOISTURE, DROUGHT CONDITIONS ARE AT AN EXTREME LEVEL WITHIN AND AROUND THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, LOCATED IN OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY, AND BENNETT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. THESE DROUGHT CONDITIONS HAVE CREATED EXTREMELY HIGH FIRE DANGER CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION.

THE OUTDOOR BURN BAN IS EFFECTIVE JULY 27, 2022. THE BURN BAN WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL DROUGHT CONDITIONS IMPROVE AND THE BURN BAN IS RESCINDED BY THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

THE BURN BAN WILL ALLOW THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE RESPONSE EFFORTS OF LOCAL AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE OCCURRENCE OF A FIRE INCIDENT.

PLEASE NOTE: THE BURN BAN DOES NOT AFFECT CULTURAL OR TRADITIONAL CAMPFIRES; HOWEVER, THESE REQUESTS MUST GO THROUGH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, FIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM’S BURN PERMIT PROCESS. PLEASE CALL (605) 867-5396 FOR A BURN PERMIT.

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