

DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, INDIANA

July 3, 2012

WHEREAS, Kosciusko County, Indiana is immediately threatened by a natural disaster-specifically county wide drought conditions, and;

WHEREAS, the Kosciusko County Fireman's Association whole heartily supports the continuation of a burn ban, now more than ever, and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish is that the residence of Kosciusko County continue to use good sense during this unprecedented dry condition, by not subjecting themselves to potential personal liability by unnecessary use of outdoor fires.

WHEREAS, as of the 3rd day of July, 2012 we find Kosciusko County to be at risk of widespread fire hazards because of the ongoing drought conditions and;

WHEREAS, a County wide burn ban affecting certain activities is an appropriate public safety response to the fire hazards presented by the current drought conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Kosciusko County Board of Commissioners, declare, pursuant to the provisions of IC 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Kosciusko County.

We also declare that, effective immediately, except for the following, open burning of any kind using conventional fuel such as wood, or other combustible matter, is prohibited in Kosciusko County;

1. Grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane are allowed;
2. Campfires and other recreational fires, enclosed in a fire ring with dimensions of 23 inches in diameter x 10 inches high or larger are allowed;
3. Personal fireworks are allowed however we strongly encourage residents to refrain from using any type of personal fireworks and to maintain very close watch on any campfire.
4. Burning in burn barrels with a ¼" mesh top from dawn to dusk only is allowed.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws statutes, ordinances and resolutions and particularly to Section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.

All public offices and employees of Kosciusko County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives whether state and local.

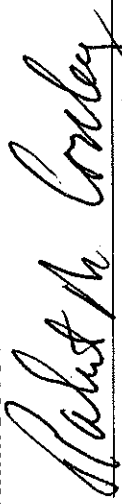
All residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

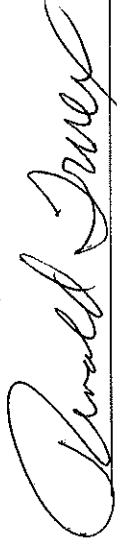
All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Emergency Operations Center.

This Disaster Emergency Proclamation shall be in effect until 1200 hours July 17, 2012.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 3rd day of July, 2012.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


Robert Conley, President of Commissioners


Ronald Truex, Commissioner


Bradford Jackson, Commissioner

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury,
that I have taken reasonable care to redact
each Social Security number in this
document, unless required by law.



ATTEST: 
Marsha McSherry, Auditor