FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Fire Restrictions are in effect for the Wind River Indian Reservation. The restrictions were approved on June 17, 2021 and will stay in effect until December 31, 2021 or until conditions improve and the restrictions are lifted. In summary the following restrictions prohibit the following practices on the Wind River Reservation:

- Any field, ditch, debris or pile burning.
- Building or using an open fire or campfire. Exceptions are petroleum-fueled stoves, grills and lanterns in areas that have been cleared of all vegetation for three feet on all sides.
- The use of explosives including targets that can explode.
- Internal or external combustion engines (e.g., chainsaws) without a properly working spark arrester.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or torch with open flame.
- Fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices, including tracer ammunition
- Burn barrels without lids, Burn Barrel burning with lids between (6pm-8am) allowed

Any violation of these following practices will be issued a citation and could be prosecuted by the Wind River Tribal Courts under these sections of the Shoshone and Arapaho Law and Order Codes:

- Section 7-3-7 Reckless Endangering
- Section 7-6-2 Negligent Burning
- Section 7-5-9 Disobedience to Lawful Order of Court

Exceptions to the restrictions include those uses associated with ceremonies, sweats, and screened burn barrels in an area cleared at least by a (10) ten foot radius.

Copies of the fire restrictions will be posted throughout the Wind River Indian Reservation. If you see a fire, please report it to either of the following agencies:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs - Forestry Warehouse: 307-332-4408
- Cody Fire Dispatch: 1-800-295-9954
- Fremont County Sheriff’s Office (Lander, WY): 307-332-5611 or 911
- Wind River Police Department: 307-332-3112

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