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Yavapai County Re-Institutes County Wide Fire Ban Effective Immediately

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Craig L. Brown has re-instituted the County Wide Fire Ban effective at 10:00am on Monday, August 10, 2020. The County Wide Fire Ban has been re-instituted after the Yavapai County Emergency Management Officer, Ron Sauntman, determined that a fire emergency exists in Yavapai County.

This determination is based upon the likely re-implementation of fire restrictions by the Prescott National Forest and the Coconino National Forest, effective on or about August 12th - 14th, 2020. Fire Managers have determined that key criteria will be reached or near enough to warrant taking these restrictive actions. These include lack of moisture this time of year, escalating fire weather conditions, the potential commitment of firefighting resources across the region/nation, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which may strain resources, and increased forest visitor use.

Neighboring jurisdictions and agencies with wildland fire responsibility are discussing re-entering into 2020 fire restrictions as part of continued collaboration in community and resource protection. We work closely with our partners to support our shared interest in fire prevention and reducing the risk of human-caused wildfires across the landscape. Such decisions and timing to implement fire restrictions is made after frequent communication with neighboring National Forests; Bureau of Land Management and other Federal Land Agencies; Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management; and our local fire departments.

This determination includes the following Fire Ban Zones: Northern, Central, Eastern, and Southern Zones of Yavapai County, which include the following cities and towns; Prescott, Prescott Valley, Dewy Humboldt, Mayer, Cordes Junction, Black Canyon City, Congress, North Wickenburg, Peoples Valley, Yarnell, Wilhoit, Cottonwood, Sedona, Camp Verde, and unincorporated areas herein.

Section V of Ordinance 2012-1 provides that "If it appears that a delay in imposition of restrictions would pose a threat to the public health and safety, the Emergency Management Officer may request that the Chairman of the Board, upon receipt of the Notice, immediately



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impose the restrictions." Given the nature of the ambient conditions and the importance of a coordinated approach to implementation of a fire ban, I am, therefore, requesting that you act in concert to enact an Outdoor Fire Prohibition within the Fire Ban Zones indicated.

The fire ban will commence on the effective time and date indicated above and is to be ratified as an emergency measure by the Board of Supervisors at its next normally-scheduled meeting.

For information about Yavapai County Community Health Services or food recalls, please contact David McAtee at

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