

JULY 25, 2011

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR LLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, due to a continual extreme fire danger due to drought conditions, and due to Llano County's court order restricting the use of all combustibles, including all fireworks in an outdoor environment;

WHEREAS, these hot, dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast moving wildfires; and,

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, Llano County Commissioner's Court declaration authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and

WHEREAS, such controls, when implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, LLANO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT enhances their emergency plan with updates to include the following:

- A. Welding and other hot work will be allowed for outdoor "professional/commercial welders" to perform their jobs under certain conditions. Those conditions are:
 - 1. A spotter is required for each welder
 - 2. The perimeter, defined as all sides of the welding are, shall be clear of vegetation if possible and continued to be kept wet. The perimeter shall be at least 25 feet in all directions.
 - 3. A minimum of 100 gallons of water must be available on site.
 - 4. A minimum of one water pressure fire extinguisher per spotter is required.
 - 5. Wind speeds must be no greater than 15 M.P.H. to weld.
 - 6. Welding in an enclosed area is acceptable.
 - 7. Each site will have cellular telephone communications for emergency response.

- B. Agricultural burning of prickly pear will be allowed under certain conditions. Those conditions are:

1. Prior to beginning a burn in Llano County Sheriff's dispatcher must be notified each time a burn is needed (each day, and/or each occurrence). Call 325-247-5767.
 2. The requester must identify the area to be burned by describing the pasture or range by address, by location of County Road, or State Highway, and the name of the person requesting the burn.
 3. A water sprayer apparatus or water containers and other fire fighting tools must be available on site;
 4. Fire guards are to be used wherever possible whether a man made or natural, i.e. road beds, canyons, cattle trails or wind breaks.
 5. Wind speeds must not exceed 15 M.P.H.
 6. A cellular telephone communication must be on site for emergency response.
- C. Commercial Bar B Que establishments from a fixed location and maintain a State sales tax permit, and/or personal Bar B Que fueled by propane are allowed.
- D. A Precinct Commissioner may exempt a weekend "Benefit" Bar B Que after a request for permission to and the organization shows evidence that all necessary safety measures have been considered to insure the safety of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY JUDGE, ACTING TOGETHER WITH THE LLANO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, hereby orders that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby extended for Llano County pursuant to Chapter 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code,
2. Pursuant to Chapter 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for an indefinite period by the renewal of the Llano County Commissioners Court.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 418.108© of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to Chapter 418.108(d) of The Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the emergency management plan.
5. A violation of this Order carries the maximum penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and up to one hundred eighty (180) days may be imposed upon conviction as provided by Government Code 418.173.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT DROUGHT AND SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTABLE MATERIALS.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2011 at Llano County, Texas

WAYNE A. BRASCOM, LLANO COUNTY JUDGE

DATE

Johnnie Heck, County Commissioner Precinct 1

Date

Linda Raschke, County Commissioner Precinct 2

Date

Tommy Duncan, County Commissioner Precinct 3

Date

Jerry Don Moss, County Commissioner Precinct 4

Date