



**VALID FEBRUARY 17, 2025
TO MAY 25, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT
SEASONAL OPEN BURNING
WITHIN THE EAST FORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WITH THE RESTRICTIONS NOTED WITHIN EAST FORK FIRE**

This information sheet/permit applies to residents conducting **SEASONAL OPEN BURNING** within the East Fork Fire Protection District. **SEASONAL OPEN BURNING SHALL BE ALLOWED FEBRUARY 17, 2025 TO MAY 25, 2025.**

Persons participating in open burning activities do so at their own risk. The property owner may be held responsible for the costs of suppressing escaped or negligently uncontrolled fires. East Fork Fire Regulation Section 307.2 provides that a violation of the regulation and the terms of this authorization is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail, and a maximum fine of \$1,000.00. Owner could be responsible for fire suppression costs as well.

Burn Regulations:

1. Fire shall be attended and controlled at **ALL** times by a competent adult (18 years old minimum and who can communicate with public officers). This authorization shall be at the site of burning and with the attendant of the burn **at all times**.
2. **Residents who conduct seasonal open burning during this open period are required to call the East Fork Fire Burn Line at (775) 783-6497 each and every day to see if it is a permissible burn day. A recording will advise whether it is a permissive burn day based on current and predicted weather conditions for that day. All fires shall be fully extinguished with no smoke showing by 3:30 p.m.**
3. Do not conduct burning during windy conditions. Cease burning should wind conditions at burn site exceed **15 mph or if the wind moves the material burned or to be burned**.
4. Smoke shall not discharge material which has an offensive odor or which may be injurious or detrimental to the health and safety of others.
5. Burning of garbage (waste food products, dead animals, fish or fowl), oil, rubber, plastic, tarpaper or plastic products, including hay-baling twine is strictly prohibited. Plastic bags containing vegetative debris cannot be burned.
6. Burn in open area, at least 25 feet from structure or combustible materials.
7. A firebreak of not less than 25 feet shall be maintained around all fires.
8. Burning of excessive amounts of vegetation is prohibited. Limit stacks to piles of 2 feet high and 3 feet in diameter. Piles must be a least 5 feet from each other; burn one at a time to maintain control of the burn. **Burning standing grass and weeds is prohibited.** The use of a propane torch or liquid fuel torches for igniting the fire is prohibited.
9. Use of a burn barrel is prohibited at all times within the East Fork Fire Protection District boundaries.
10. A garden hose attached to a pressurized water supply and a shovel, rake, hoe or pulaski shall be **IMMEDIATELY** available and functional for emergency use.

East Fork Fire Protection District Burn Line (775) 783-6497
Residents shall confirm burning status prior to lighting burn piles.

307.2 Permit required. A permit shall be obtained from East Fork Fire in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized open burn, silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or vegetation management Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the *owner* of the land on which the fire is to be kindled.

307.2.1 Burn barrels prohibited. The use of burn barrels within the boundary of East Fork Fire Protection District is prohibited.

307.2.2 Garbage Burning Prohibited: Any person who attempts to burn or burns kitchen and table refuse, offal, swill, other parts and accumulation of animals (whether domestic or wild), vegetables, meats, fish, fowl, birds or fruits, waste matter and/or papers is in violation of this Chapter and Code Section.

307.2.3 Rubbish Burning Prohibited: Any person who attempts to burn or burns waste including, but not limited to, treated wood, construction debris, roofing materials, paper boxes, rags, moist grass clippings, old hay or straw, barn sweepings, railroad ties treated with creosote or other preservatives, latex paints and thinners, brushes, tools, wet storage, alkaline and lithium batteries, furniture, plastic pipe and fittings, galvanized pipe and fittings, and all other combustible materials deemed by East Fork Fire District having jurisdiction to be garbage, rubbish, or trash is in violation of this Chapter and Code Section.

307.2.4 Toxic, Dangerous or Hydrocarbon Product Burning Prohibited: Any person who attempts to burn or burns any combustible liquid, waste oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, alcohol or liquid byproducts of any commercial process is in violation of this Chapter and Code Section.

307.2.5 Plastic or Rubber Products: Any person who attempts to burn or burns any plastic or rubber product, no matter what the chemical compound, unless cellulose base is over 95% by weight, is in violation of this Chapter and Code Section.

307.2.6 Water Supply and Tools: All Open Burns shall have a ready water supply and proper hand tools, or farm or heavy equipment available at the burn site that is sufficient to halt the spread of a fire that escapes control by the attendant.

307.2.7 Exceptions: Open Burning fires no more than five feet in diameter, used exclusively for heating livestock, or branding of livestock for lawful ownership identification, are exempted from the Permit requirements under this Chapter.

307.2.8 Powers and Duties of Fire District: East Fork Fire District and its officers or agents may, without further process of law, enter onto the private or public property of another for the purposes of investigating any smoke or fire observed, to determine if a Permit has been issued in accordance with this Section, and to determine if violations of Code Sections 307.2 through 307.13 inclusive, or state law or regulation have occurred.

307.2.9 Cost of Extinguishment: The fire district having jurisdiction and its officers or agents may initiate, through the East Fork Fire District Attorney, appropriate legal action to recover all costs incurred to extinguish any fire and/or remove fire debris or other material involved in any fire, ignited or maintained in violation of this Chapter. East Fork Fire District may record a lien against the real property where the Open Burn occurred in the amount of the costs incurred, and/or pursue all other appropriate legal remedies to recover the costs incurred.

307.2.10 Penalty for Violation of Provisions: Any person, persons, firm, partnership, trust, company, association, corporation, or other entity that violates any provision of this Chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is subject to a maximum fine of \$1000 and six months in jail for each violation.

307.2.11 Suspension or Revocation of Permit: The Fire Chief or his designee, of East Fork Fire District, may immediately suspend any permit issued under this Chapter by issuance of a "Stop Order" in writing to the attendant of the fire, or by posting the "Stop Order" visibly and conspicuously on the property where the Open Burn occurred or is expected to occur.

307.3 Extinguishment authority. Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, East Fork Fire, the fire agency having jurisdiction, its officers or agents may, without further process of law, extinguish any fire ignited or maintained in violation of the requirements or this Chapter.

NRS 474.550 Provides that: "Any person, firm, association, or agency which willfully or negligently causes a fire ... may be charged with the expense incurred in the extinguishing the fire..."