



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2015-04

I Jack Dalrymple, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby extend Executive Order 2015-03 for the entire State of North Dakota, including the Tribal Nations within the State through May 8, 2015.

WHEREAS, all counties and Tribal Nations should assess their individual fire threats and determine the need to authorize a local fire emergency declaration pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10 and implement burn bans and/or fire restrictions once the statewide fire emergency declaration expires on May 8, 2015.

WHEREAS, conditions across the State of North Dakota remain dangerous and are not expected to improve as the unseasonably warm dry weather continues; and

WHEREAS, there is no significant moisture in the immediate forecast according to the National Weather Service (NWS) Quantitative Precipitation forecast.

NOW; THEREFORE, I order the statewide burn ban to continue for areas in the *North Dakota Fire Danger Rating* designated as High, Very High, or Extreme, and/or when a Red Flag Warning has been issued for an area. This burn ban prohibits controlled burns in these designated areas. Additionally, burning will be allowed in designated areas with a Low or Moderate Fire Danger Rating upon approval of the local fire response authority who has jurisdiction over the designated area. I order total utilization of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan in response to the situation, assist local and tribal officials, alleviate hardships, and implement appropriate recovery actions and future mitigation measures to limit hardships and impacts of the emergency. I authorize the Adjutant General to activate and make available North Dakota National Guard resources in support of local and tribal governments based upon normal cost share agreements.

This order is in effect through May 8, 2015, unless rescinded or extended and is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,

2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and,
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state; and,
4. Red Flag Warnings from the National Weather Service and state, local, and tribal emergency management and firefighting organizations indicate a severe threat to public and private property.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 30th day of April, 2015.



Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State
