



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL FORESTRY

254 County Road 4, Naytahwaush, MN 56566

Class IV Burn Restrictions

Written Order

Pursuant to the White Earth Conservation Code C.C. 603.02 Subdivision 3, Burning Rules and Regulations, The White Earth Natural Resources Department may, upon such determination, by written order, suspend the issuance of permits for open fires, revoke or suspend the operation of a permit previously issued and, to the extent the White Earth Natural Resources Department deems necessary, prohibit the building of all or some kinds of open fires in all or any part of a wildfire area regardless of whether a permit is otherwise required.

Current data shows the White Earth Reservation is in severe to exceptional drought conditions and has had very limited measurable precipitation over the recent months. Extended forecasting predicts continued hot and dry conditions. A substantial amount of rainfall is needed to provide relief and reduce fire danger.

Due to the extreme fire danger, and presence of drought conditions, the White Earth Reservation Natural Resources Department will be activating additional burning restrictions on tribal lands.

- No tribal burning permits will be issued until further notice.
- Campfires/Recreational fires will not be allowed on tribal land. Ceremonial fires are allowed on tribal land as long as the area is clear of combustible material within a radius of five (5) feet from the base of the campfire. Ceremonial fires are only allowed in a designated fire receptacle designed for such use.
- Gas/propane camp stoves, grills are allowed on tribal land. Charcoal fires are allowed (in a grill designed for that purpose) and associated with an occupied dwelling on tribal land.
- No use of fireworks allowed outside of municipalities.
- No welding, acetylene torches, or other devices with open flame allowed in forest areas except under special permits.

These restrictions are meant to reduce the likelihood of a wildfire on the Reservation and will be in effect beginning 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 17th, 2021. The restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded by the White Earth Natural Resources Department.

Fire Restrictions may change as fire conditions worsen or lessen. If you have any questions please call the Forestry office at 218-935-5967.

Thank you for doing your part in helping prevent wildfires on the White Earth Reservation.

Dave Snetsinger

White Earth Forestry Manager