

SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-35

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING HAZARDOUS FIRE CONDITIONS
AND IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON FIREWORKS, OPEN FIRES,
SMOKING AND OTHER IGNITION SOURCES**

WHEREAS, an immediate and present danger of range fires, brush fires, grass fires, forest fires and structure fires exists within Santa Fe County due to persistent drought and lack of rain or snowfall; and

WHEREAS, low relative humidity, dry weather, and wind have resulted in conditions of high risk of fires; and

WHEREAS, given these circumstances, the probability of ignition of materials and the spread of fire is extremely high and poses a severe threat to persons and property; and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, the Santa Fe County Fire Department has responded to numerous brush, grass, range and forest fires and some of the fires have threatened structures and homes; and

WHEREAS, some fires have been started by agricultural management techniques, open burning, campfires and/or smoking; and

WHEREAS, in light of current conditions, the U.S. Forest Service and New Mexico State Forestry Division plan to implement fire restrictions within their respective jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby resolves as follows:

1. The current conditions and high fire hazards represent a significant and immediate threat to the life, safety, health and welfare of residents of Santa Fe County, and to public and private property, located within the County;
2. Consistent with its authority pursuant to NSMA 1978, Section 59A-52-18, the following are prohibited for a period of thirty (30) days within the unincorporated areas of Santa Fe County:
 - a. Campfires;

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- b. Open fires of any kind
 - c. Open burning of vegetation or rubbish
 - d. Use of aerial and ground audible fireworks, including aerial spinners, helicopters, mines, missile-type rockets, roman candles, shells, stick-type rockets, chasers and firecrackers
 - e. Smoking within a County park, campground or any wildland area except within an enclosed vehicle or building
 - f. Littering on public roadways/areas with ignited smoking materials
 - g. Unauthorized use of off-road vehicles, motor bikes and chain saws within county parks, campground and wildland areas
 - h. The issuance of licenses or permits for open burning
3. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the authority or responsibilities of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal or the Santa Fe County Sheriff under the provisions of other ordinances.
4. Public displays of fireworks as defined by Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 1988-3 shall be permitted.

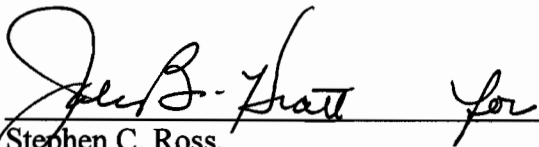
A. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty days.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 28 day of February, 2006.

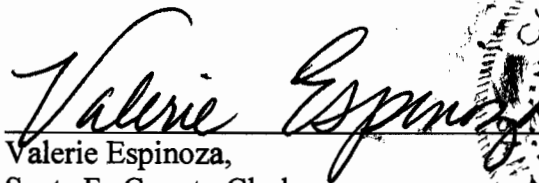
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


 Harry B. Montoya, Chair

Approved as to form:


 Stephen C. Ross,
 Santa Fe County Attorney

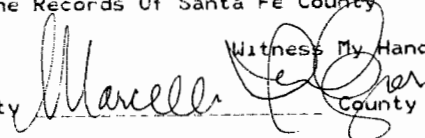
Attest:


 Valerie Espinoza,
 Santa Fe County Clerk

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 1ST Day Of March, A.D., 2006 at 15:45 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1422453 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
 Valerie Espinoza
 Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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