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PRESS RELEASE

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Burn Ban Lifted in Otero County.

On July 12, 2018, the Otero County Office of Emergency Services has determined that due to increased moisture within Otero County, the present fire danger is Low to Moderate, and rescinds its Burn Ban within Otero County.

With the lifting of the Burn Ban, Otero County residents may resume controlled burning, however, residents are reminded that these burns must comply with normal restrictions as designated in Otero County Ordinance 14-03 which include some of the following;

- Any person burning shall, prior to commencing and upon completion, notify the Otero County Sheriff's Office.
- Burning shall not commence until one hour after sunrise and must be completely extinguished no later than sunset.
- Campfires are permitted regardless of time of day.
- Shall only be burned in accordance with state law and regulations of the Environmental Department of the State of New Mexico, Title 20, Chapter 2, Part 60.

The Office of Fire and Emergency Services would like to remind the residents of Otero County;

- That despite the return of rainfall, long-term drought conditions still exist, and urges everyone to be cautious with fire, especially in the mountainous regions of the County.
- Burning of household waste (burn barrels) are prohibited under the New Mexico Environmental Department's Air Quality Bureau, title 20.2.60.110.
- Fires must be attended at all times.
- It is recommended that a water source, or means of extinguishment be available at the area being burned

For additional information, please contact the Otero County Sheriff's Office at 437-2210, 1-800-8SHERIFF (1-800-874-3743), or, in the case of an emergency, dial 911.

Additional information, including copies of Ordinance 91-04, and NMED 20.2.60 can also be obtained at the Office of Emergency Services, 1101 New York Ave, Room 104, or call 439-2612.