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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-02
PUEBLO OF ISLETA BURN BAN

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Isleta and state of New Mexico are currently facing unprecedented drought conditions that pose a significant threat of fire danger;

WHEREAS, the Governor finds it in the best interests of the Pueblo of Isleta and its lands, resources, community health, and safety to proactively enact measures to protect Isleta tribal members, lands, and structures from fire danger;

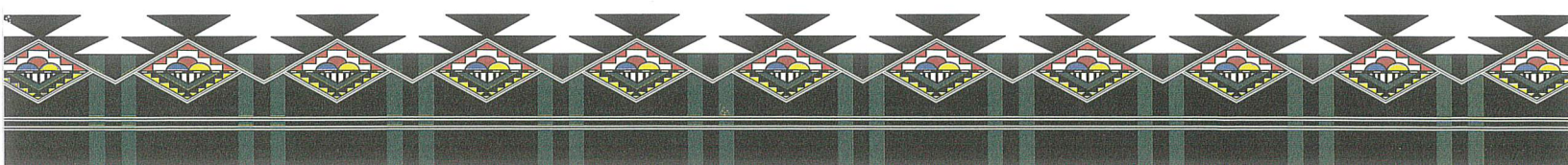
WHEREAS, the Pueblo hereby enacts a Pueblo-wide BURN BAN, effective immediately. The Pueblo of Isleta BURN BAN will remain in effect through December 31, 2026 or until such time that fire danger and drought conditions are significantly reduced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, while the BURN BAN is in effect, the following open burn activities are expressly prohibited on tribal lands and roads:

1. Smoking in the Bosque, Forest and Rangelands;
2. Bonfires, campfires, or open flame charcoal grills/cooking fires; and
3. Any use of fireworks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, beginning September 1, 2026, holders of valid Pueblo of Isleta burn permits may conduct ditch, field, yard debris, agricultural, and trash burning only on days authorized by the Isleta Fire Department. The Department of Natural Resources shall continue to issue and administer annual burn permits; however, daily authorization to burn shall be determined solely by the Isleta Fire Department based upon current weather conditions, fire danger, air quality, and public safety considerations. Permit holders must comply with the established call-in notification process prior to conducting any burn activity. Possession of a valid burn permit does not constitute authorization to burn on any given day and burn activity may be restricted, suspended, or prohibited at any time when conditions are warranted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bosque and east mountains remain closed to all non-authorized activity, including but not limited to all vehicles and off highway vehicles (including but not limited to ATVS, UTVs, side by sides) dirt bikes, and recreational activities;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns, and heaters meeting applicable safety specifications shall remain permitted. Traditional cooking and baking fires, in contained and sealed hornos or outdoor ovens and use of propane type grills are not considered “open burn activities” and will not be prohibited during the BURN BAN;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, burn activity during the BURN BAN will expressly violate the directives of the Pueblo of Isleta Governor regarding fire safety and management, threaten the community health and safety of Pueblo of Isleta residents and structures, and create a significant additional strain on Pueblo of Isleta resources and emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Isleta Fire Department, Isleta Police Department, and Isleta Department of Natural Resources are hereby authorized and directed to do all that is necessary to enforce compliance with this Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any individual found to be engaging in burn activity during the BURN BAN may be found in violation of the Tribal Law and Order Code, 05-07-02(A)(ii)(1), Public Health and Safety Nuisance (prohibiting improper disposal of waste) and 05-07-02(A)(v)(1), Public Nuisance (prohibiting activities that substantially interfere with the public’s right to use and enjoy public spaces).

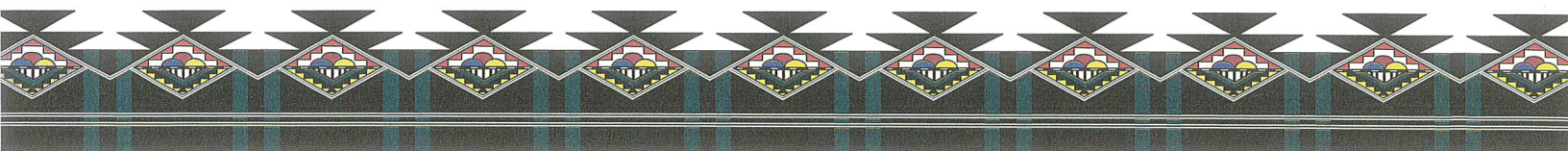
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any individual found to be engaging in burn activity during the BURN BAN in violation of the Pueblo of Isleta Nuisance Code may be subject to any and all applicable penalties thereunder, including but not limited to, issuance of a civil citation of \$250 per day and revocation of a tribal member’s burn permit. Pueblo of Isleta Nuisance Code § 05-07-04(B).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event an individual engages in burn activity during the BURN BAN and is found to have caused damage to any vegetation, forest, or structures, the individual may be found in violation of Tribal Law and Order Code § 30-12-17, Unlawful Burning, punishable as a Class D Misdemeanor **up to 60 days imprisonment, 120 hours of community service, and/or a \$200 fine.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any individual found to be engaging in prohibited burn activity during the BURN BAN in violation of any Pueblo of Isleta law may be subject to any applicable enforcement and penalties thereunder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Executive Order shall be made to all interested parties and Tribal Members by:

- Providing electronic notice through the Pueblo of Isleta website and related social media;
- Providing notice through the Pueblo of Isleta text messaging system; and



- Posting notice at public locations within the Pueblo.

To the extent this Order may conflict with any other previously issued Order or directive, this Order shall supersede any other order, proclamation, or directives.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until either rescinded or amended.

Eugene Jiron
Eugene Jiron,
Governor

9/1/2024
Date

