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Commissioners reinstate countywide burn ban

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Although we've had some showers and the grass is greener, Bandera County remains in extreme drought. Record-setting high temperatures and windy days translate into major fire hazard when there's very little water and no rain forecast.

Bandera County Fire Marshal Jason Rutherford advised commissioners this morning to reinstate the countywide burn ban, which was temporarily lifted for two weeks.

"We opened the door, [there] was an opportunity to burn," Pct. 1 Commissioner Bruce Elikier said.

Rutherford said overnight humidity recovery has helped maintain conditions in which it's safe to burn, but he warned those events will begin to decrease.

"We've been ducking the bullet in this county a long time," Pct. 2 Commissioner Bobby Harris said.

Commissioners passed a unanimous vote to implement the burn ban, which will be in effect for the next 90 days. The Sheriff's Office stated anyone with a registered burn for today may continue, however no other open burning is permitted.