DECLARATION OF FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN RESTRICTIONS
for SLOPE COUNTY
(Effective May 13, 2026)

WHEREAS, Slope County, North Dakota has and is currently enduring dry conditions, has a large volume of dry vegetation, and

WHEREAS, Slope County has committed all available resources to protecting life and the property of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires would threaten the health, wellbeing, and safety of the citizens of Slope County, and

WHEREAS, the cost of such fires may exceed the resources of Slope County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Slope County declare a Fire Emergency and AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF OF EACH FIRE DISTRICT TO DETERMINE IF BURNING WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THEIR DISTRICT. This includes:

1. No travel is to be allowed off of surfaced roadways normally used for vehicular traffic except as necessary for normal farmer/rancher or industry operations.
2. There shall be no ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires, or vegetative burning.

Individuals wishing to burn must contact their District Fire Chief before burning. (Contact information is located on the county website at SlopeCountyND.gov)

Anyone who violates this resolution could be charged with a Class B Misdemeanor.

Scott Ouradnik, Commission Chair