



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



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Red Flag Warning Declaration

VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER

BY THE FIRE CHIEF

As Fire Chief of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District, in accordance with the California Fire Code with amendments adopted by the Boards of Directors of the North Tahoe, Meeks Bay and Alpine Springs CWD, the Fire Chief has issued a Declaration prohibiting all Open Burning within these Districts during the time period of the Red Flag Warning is in effect. (CF Code 307.1.2).

The National Weather Service (NOAA) has determined that fuel moistures and atmospheric conditions warrant a red Flag Warning (VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER) for the Lake Tahoe Basin Zone CA-272 on **Friday, August 3, 2018 from 1:00pm though 10:00pm Saturday, August 4, 2018**. All open burning of solid fuels is prohibited during this period, which includes all recreation fires. Propane (LPG) and Natural Gas fired appliances are allowed. Extreme caution should be used with charcoal barbecues. The actual hours of Red Flag Warnings may vary by the specific atmospheric conditions, check the [NOAA web site](#) or follow us on social media for the latest Red Flag timing.

The National Weather Service (NWS) issues [Red Flag Warnings & Fire Weather](#) Watches to alert land management agencies about the onset, or possible onset, of critical weather and fuel moisture conditions that could lead to rapid or dramatic increases in wildfire activity. This could be due to low relative humidity, strong winds, dry fuels, or any combination thereof. You may have noticed that the Watch/Warning/Advisory map on our homepage turns red or orange when a Red Flag Warning or Fire Weather Watch is issued. A Red Flag Warning is issued when the above conditions are expected to be met within the next 24 hours. A Fire Weather Watch is issued when the above conditions are expected to be met during the next 24 to 48 hours.

According to the [National Weather Service](#), this is a **Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS)** with extremely low humidity and high winds for Saturday. New fires will grow rapidly out of control, in some cases people may not be able to evacuate safely in time should a fire approach. Learn what you can do to prepare yourself and your loved ones for evacuation by reading our [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#).

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