

As of February 23, 2026, Quay County and Ute Lake State Park have issued a Stage 2 Fire Ban:

- Stage 2 Fire Ban Prohibits:
  - Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove in any location.
  - Smoking, except in a vehicle or enclosed building.
  - Using fireworks, explosives or other incendiary devices.
  - Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine (is usually restricted to cooler and more humid morning hours).
  - Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.
  - Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
  - Possessing or using a motor vehicle off roads on federal lands, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.
  - Violating any state law specifically concerns burning, fires, or that which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fire.

