Strong winds bring burning dangers

(KAIR)--Local area officials are warning of potential dangers when burning outdoors.

That's due to a forecast of strong wind for the latter half of the week.

Because of that forecast, the National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for much of the local region, meaning that critical fire weather conditions exist.

That's due to the combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures which the weather service says "can contribute to extreme fire danger."

The forecast calls for gusty northwest winds gusting up to 35 mph, a drop in relative humidity to near 20-percent, and temperatures close to 70.

The Red Flag Warning will remain in place from 12 noon Thursday until 7:00 Thursday evening.

Because of the fire danger, open burning should be put on hold until winds subside.

A Burn Ban was put in place for Doniphan County Wednesday, with an emergency alert announcing the ban saying it will remain in place until further notice.

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