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| From: | Kathy Finkle                         | Date:  | 11/13/2006            |
| Re:   | New No Burn Areas for Cowlitz County | Pages: | 3 including this page |

Please find the attached news release about the new no burn areas affecting Castle Rock and Woodland. If any pages of this fax do not come through legibly, or if you have any questions, please contact me. I would also be happy to send you an electronic copy of this news release via e-mail if that works better for you.

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### New No Burn Areas

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** – As of Jan. 1, 2007 new no burn areas will impact Castle Rock and Woodland. The existing Longview/Kelso No Burn Area was established by an earlier phase of the same legislation. Beginning in January, only small recreational campfires will be allowed within the new no burn areas, as has always been the case for the existing Longview/Kelso No Burn Area.

The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is encouraging residents to explore their alternatives to outdoor burning, such as composting, chipping or recycling yard debris.

"Composting is a good alternative to outdoor burning and creates a resource instead of air pollution," says Bob Elliott, executive director of the Southwest Clean Air Agency. "It is an easy and inexpensive way to turn yard and garden refuse into a usable and valuable product. Compost turns organic matter like leaves, grass, weeds and wood chips into a rich soil conditioner."

The legislative mandate to establish a program implementing the limited burning policy is specified by RCW 70.94.743 through 70.94.765 of the Washington Clean Air Act. State law also prohibits the use of burn barrels and garbage burning throughout the state of Washington.

Penalties can be imposed for violating these state laws. SWCAA Regulation 425 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 173-425) implement this law.

"Smoke generated from outdoor burning is a health hazard and a public nuisance," says Elliott.

Particularly at risk to the effects of smoke are the elderly, children and those with asthma, heart

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disease or other respiratory ailments.

The mission of the Southwest Clean Air Agency, founded in 1968, is to preserve and enhance the air quality in southwest Washington. Serving the counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum, SWCAA is responsible for protecting the public's health through the enforcement of federal, state and local air quality standards and regulations.

For any outdoor burning questions or complaints, please call the Southwest Clean Air Agency at 1-800-633-0709.

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### New and Expanded No Burn Areas

VANCOUVER, Wash. – As of Jan. 1, 2007 all of the smaller urban growth areas in the state of Washington will become new permanent no burn areas. This will be the latest phase in a series of legislative mandates in the Washington Clean Air Act to progressively restrict outdoor burning. For Lewis County, the newly affected urban growth areas will be Napavine, Pe Ell, Winlock, Vader, Toledo, Mossyrock and Morton. The existing Centralia/Chehalis No Burn Area was established by earlier phases of the same legislation and will expand with any expansion of the urban growth areas of Centralia and Chehalis.

Beginning in January, only small recreational campfires will be allowed within the new and expanded no burn areas, as has always been the case for the existing no burn areas. For outdoor burning outside these urban growth areas, contact Lewis County Community Development at 360-740-1133.

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