

Skamania County Community Development Department

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BURN BAN EXPANDED

Effective 12:00am 9/9/2022 Recreational fires will be banned until further notice

Due to a red flag warning calling for a moderate to strong east wind event with continued hot and dry weather conditions, the Skamania County Fire Marshal is issuing a ban on all open burning, <u>including recreational fires.</u>

All open burning on private lands within Skamania County is PROHIBITED, including recreational fires, until further notice.

If you are unsure if you are camping on state lands or not, please call before you burn: 800-323-BURN or visit <u>burnportal.dnr.wa.gov</u>. Making smart, informed decisions and burning responsibly is the best way to prevent wildfires.

For burn ban updates and burning information please check all available resources including the <u>Skamania County Website</u>, <u>Washington State Department of Natural</u> <u>Resources</u> and <u>Washington State Department of Ecology</u> websites.

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Small debris burn permits will no longer be valid as of July 1, 2022.

Fire danger season is upon us and to keep our community safe Skamania County implements burn restrictions as a tool to reduce human-caused wildfires during extremely hot and dry weather conditions.

All small debris fires that are currently burning must be completely extinguished by 12:00am, Friday July 1, 2022.

Recreational fires meeting the <u>Skamania County Minimum Fire Pit Standards</u> will continue to be permissible on Skamania County regulated lands but are subject to immediate closure as we move into fire season. <u>Recreational fires are not allowed on state lands except in approved designated campgrounds.</u> If you are unsure if you are camping on state lands or not, please call before you burn: 800-323-BURN or visit <u>burnportal.dnr.wa.gov</u>.

Please be sure recreational fires are completely extinguished before leaving them unattended. Making smart, informed decisions and burning responsibly is the best way to prevent wildfires.

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