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<u>SMALL DEBRIS BURN BAN</u>

Small debris burn permits will no longer be valid as of July 1, 2023

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, Saturday July 1, 2023.

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 and are subject to immediate closure at any time.</u> If you are unsure about campfires on state lands, please call before you burn: 1-800-323-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.

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 Resources</u> and <u>Washington State Department of Ecology</u> websites.

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