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DECLARATION OF BAN ON ALL RECREATIONAL FIRES FOR ALL OF UNINCORPORATED JEFFERSON COUNTY

Pursuant to Jefferson County Resolution No. 21-23, and due to current atmospheric and field conditions, the Jefferson County Fire Marshal has declared a ban on all recreational fires, after consultation with the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs and in consideration of the current atmospheric and field conditions. This ban on all recreational fires applies throughout unincorporated Jefferson County.

On June 5, 2023, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners declared a ban on outdoor burning, except for recreational fires through September 30, 2023 by adopting Resolution No. 21-23. "Outdoor burning" means the combustion of material of any type in an open fire or in an outdoor container without providing for the control of combustion or the control of emissions from the combustion, except for agricultural burning and silvicultural burning.

This declaration extends the June 5, 2023 burn ban to recreational fires, which is defined as: "An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial cooking, warmth or similar purposes."

At this time, **ALL RECREATIONAL BURNING IS BANNED THROUGHOUT ALL OF JEFFERSON COUNTY**. Only gas or propane fueled appliances and wood or solid fuel (wood) appliances with an enclosed flame are allowed (no charcoal cooking).

This declaration is in effect until atmospheric and field conditions lower to an acceptable level for a length of time so that the threat has subsided.

Any questions about this declaration should be submitted to Fire Marshal Phil Cecere at (360) 379-4461, or email at PCecere@co.jefferson.wa.us.

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Phil Cecere,
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**DECLARATION OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD
FOR ALL OF UNINCORPORATED JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE, MANUFACTURE, SALE, STORAGE, OR
TRANSPORTATION OF FIREWORKS**

Pursuant to Chapter 8.75 of the Jefferson County Code (JCC), a DECLARATION OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD has been issued. A HIGH FIRE HAZARD is defined as a period of hot, dry weather accompanied by low fuel moistures, where fires start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely and are difficult to control unless they are successfully attacked when the fires are small. It is during this period that wildland fires can be expected, and fire growth will be accelerated. The Jefferson County Fire Chiefs and the County Fire Marshal agree that conditions warrant such a declaration. Several factors are at play in this decision including, but not limited to: input received from DNR, ORCCA, NWS and other State, Federal and local agencies.

As a result of this declaration, **THE DISCHARGE, MANUFACTURE, SALE, STORAGE, OR TRANSPORTATION OF FIREWORKS IS PROHIBITED DURING THIS DECLARATION OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD**, except as otherwise permitted in Chapter 8.75 JCC. "Fireworks" has the same meaning as in RCW [70.77.126](#).

This declaration is in effect until atmospheric and field conditions fall to an acceptable level for a length of time to determine that the threat has lessened and that risk to citizens, property and first responders has subsided to acceptable levels.

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