

# COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Peter Goldmark, Commissioner of Public Lands**

WHEREAS, RCW 76.04 defines the lands within the State of Washington where the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for fire protection, and

WHEREAS, RCW 76.04 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to regulate the use of fire on the forest lands for which it has fire protection responsibility, and

WHEREAS, RCW 76.04 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources in times and localities of unusual fire danger to prohibit the use of fire in those locations, and

WHEREAS, unusual fire danger existed and was forecasted to continue through September 30, 2014, on forest lands protected by the Department of Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS, wildfires result in large expenditures of public funding that can be avoided through prudent actions to prevent them, and

WHEREAS, outdoor burning is currently banned on all forest lands within the State of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection through September 30, 2014, due to unusually high fire hazards associated with dry and hot weather conditions statewide; and

WHEREAS, recent changes in weather, with forecasted precipitation, lower temperatures and higher humidity levels, have abated high fire hazard conditions for the foreseeable future;

THEREFORE, the ban on outdoor burning on all forest lands within the State of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection is hereby rescinded.

This order takes precedence over and supersedes all other burn bans currently in effect on forest lands within the State of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection.

Dated this 24th day of September 2014.

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