

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

NUMBER 201742

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Hilary Franz, 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 exists and is forecast to continue through September 30, 2017, 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;

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

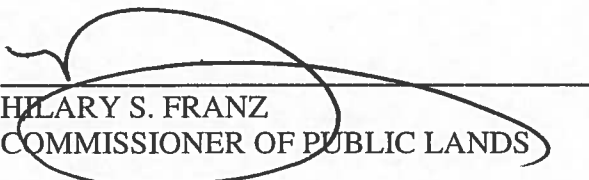
THEREFORE, outdoor burning is banned on all forest lands within the State of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection from September 6, 2017, through September 30, 2017, with the following exceptions:

1. Recreational campfires are permitted in designated campgrounds under DNR protection.
2. Department of Natural Resources approved prescribed fire for ecological purposes, when such purposes can be accomplished successfully only by prescribed fire to be considered and authorized only by signature of the Commissioner of Public Lands.
3. In rare or unforeseen circumstances, exceptions may be considered and authorized only by signature of the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Effective September 20, 2017, 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 19th day of September, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**



HILARY S. FRANZ
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

Department of Natural Resources

Date: September 14, 2017

DELEGATION ORDER

During my absence September 17, 2017 through October 1, 2017, I hereby delegate to MEGAN DUFFY, Department Supervisor, authority to perform the duties I have reserved to be performed exclusively by myself in the current Department of Natural Resources Delegation Order, dated March 28, 2017, except as follows: I do not delegate my reserved authority related to Exempt employees specified on Pages 4-5 of the Delegation Order. I further authorize MEGAN DUFFY to execute any agreements or other documents that would require my signature in carrying out the reserved authorities temporarily delegated pursuant to this delegation.

cc: Executive Management Team
Division and Region Managers
Patricia O'Brien, Senior Counsel, Attorney General's Office
Larry Raedel, Chief, Law Enforcement

Dated this 14th day of September, 2017.



HILARY S. FRANZ
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS