

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Hilary S. 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, recent changes in weather in western areas of the state, with forecasted precipitation, lower temperatures, and higher humidity levels have abated high fire hazard conditions in western Washington for the foreseeable future;

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


THEREFORE, outdoor burning is banned on all forest lands east of the Cascade Mountains crest within the State of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection from September 25, 2020, through September 30, 2020, with the following exceptions:

1. As approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands or Department Supervisor, approved prescribed fire for ecological purposes, when conducted by trained professionals.
2. As approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands or Department Supervisor when there are compelling reasons for such an exception.

Effective September 25, 2020, 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 25th day of September, 2020.

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