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Burn Restrictions Lifted in Thurston County

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OLYMPIA –The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in conjunction with the Fire Marshal of Thurston County, has lifted the seasonal burn restriction effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, October 15, 2007.

The recent rainfall has increased large woody fuel moistures, and the extended forecast does not seem to indicate an extended period of hot or windy weather. Fire managers would like to stress that good fire prevention practices are still needed.

The best way to keep fires safe and legal is to follow all of the outdoor burning regulations. The public is reminded to completely extinguish fires until they are completely out and cold to the touch. The use of a burn barrel is illegal.

For more information on local fire restrictions

Department of Natural Resources: Pacific Cascade Regional Office (360) 577-2025

Local Fire Districts: Emergency pages of the local telephone book

Local Fire Departments: Government pages of the local telephone book

For daily updates on burn restrictions, call 1-800-323-BURN or visit DNR's website at: www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk, then click on fire information in the far right corner. You can also check with Olympic Region Clean Air Agency at 1-800-422-5623 or visit their website at www.orcaa.org.

DNR's wildfire mission

DNR is responsible for preventing and fighting wildfires on 12.7 million acres of private and state-owned forestland. DNR is the state's largest on-call fire department, with hundreds of people trained and available to be dispatched to fires as needed. During fire season, this includes several hundred DNR employees who have other permanent jobs with the agency, about 350 seasonal workers, and about 500 Department of Corrections' inmates who also participate in suppressing wildfires. DNR also participates in Washington's interagency approach to wildland firefighting.

Doug Sutherland, who administers DNR, is the 12th Commissioner of Public Lands since statehood in 1889.

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