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BURNING BAN

Time: 6:00pm, June 22, 2011

Effective at 6:00pm today The North Carolina Forestry Division has issued a Burning Ban for 27 eastern North Carolina counties that will be in effect until further notice. This ban is due to weather conditions and several large wildfires throughout the eastern portion of the state. In concurrence with the statewide burning ban, Brunswick County Fire Marshal Scott Garner is issuing a Burning Ban for the locally controlled area (100 feet surrounding a structure). Although this ban does not apply to charcoal or propane grilling, citizens are urged to be extremely cautious with any type of outdoor fire. Citizens are also advised to be cautious when smoking outdoors, and to dispose of cigarettes in the proper manner.

For further information, contact the Brunswick County Fire Marshal's Office at 910-253-5383 or North Carolina Forestry Public Information Officer Brain Haines at 919-857-4828 or 919-218-9728.

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N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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State Bans Open Burning, Cancels Burn Permits in Part of Eastern N.C.

RALEIGH – N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Dee Freeman banned open burning and canceled all burning permits effective at 6 p.m. today for 27 eastern North Carolina counties, including areas south of U.S. 64 and east of Interstate 95.

The ban on open burning will be in effect until further notice for the following counties: Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Hyde, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne and Wilson.

State authorities say the open burning ban is necessary because of drought conditions and an increase in wildfire activity in coastal North Carolina. Firefighters and others are battling large wildfires in Dare, Bladen and Pender counties. Much of the rest of the state is dry, but periodic rainfall has helped reduce fire activity in those areas.

By North Carolina law, the ban prohibits all open burning in these areas, regardless of whether a permit was issued. Open burning includes burning leaves, branches and other plant material. In all cases, it is illegal to burn trash, lumber, tires, newspapers, plastics or other non-vegetative materials.

The ban will be enforced by local law enforcement agents, county fire marshals and the N.C. Division of Forest Resources.

The open burning ban means all burning is prohibited if it is 100 feet or more from a home or residence that someone lives in.

For more information, people are asked to contact a county ranger with the N.C. Division of Forest Resources, the local county fire marshal's office or Brian Haines, public information officer with the Division of Forest Resources, at (919) 857-4828 or (919) 218-9728.

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