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Jackson County Fire Rescue/BOCC Issues Burn Ban

Jackson County, FL – Following the recommendation of Jackson County Fire Rescue Chief Brunner, and in light of escalating fire hazards, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners has declared a comprehensive burn ban effective as of today, Tuesday, 11/7/23. This immediate and precautionary action will continue to be enforced until further notice to safeguard our community and lands.

The burn ban strictly prohibits any form of open-air burning, the use of fireworks, the burning of yard waste or garbage, and the irresponsible disposal of smoking materials that could lead to unintended fires. Engaging in activities that could generate sparks or flames outdoors is also restricted under this order.

Exemptions to this ban include the use of gas and charcoal grills for outdoor cooking, provided that it is conducted safely and responsibly. Nevertheless, any form of fire set to grass, brush, or forested areas is unlawful without specific authorization from the Florida Forest Service.

Our neighboring counties have implemented similar measures as a result of the current fire weather conditions. Moreover, the resources for fire response are currently under significant pressure across the entire Chipola region.

We urge all residents and visitors in Jackson County to adhere to this ban, which applies to all jurisdictions within the county boundaries. The burn ban will remain operative until it is formally lifted.

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