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Lewis County Burn Restrictions

Effective 12:01 A.M., August 2, 2016 Lewis County Board of County Commissioners and Lewis County Fire Marshal will be enacting burn restrictions on outdoor burning for all of unincorporated Lewis County, Washington.

After careful review, of the current and extended weather forecast, the Lewis County Community Development Director and the Fire Marshal have determined that current weather conditions within Lewis County have created substantial fire dangers throughout Lewis County, and that there is a need to enact restriction on outdoor burning on all lands regulated by the County of Lewis, EXCEPT for recreational campfires in designated campgrounds and on private lands if built in the following manner:

- The campfire shall be no greater than 3-feet in diameter and have a ring constructed of metal, stone, or brick 8-inches above the surface with a 2-foot wide area cleared down to exposed soil surrounding the outside of the pit.
- The campfire shall have an area at least 10-feet around it cleared of all flammable material and at least 20-feet of clearance from overhead flammable materials or fuels.
- The campfire must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16-years old with the ability to extinguish the fire with a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water or with a connected and charged water hose.
- Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.

The burning restriction **DOES** apply to applicants with a current open burning permit. The current burning permit expiration date will **NOW** be 12:01am on August 2.

The burning restrictions will remain in effect until such discontinuance is modified or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners. A public announcement of the lifting of the burn restrictions will be released to the public at that time.

For further information concerning outdoor burning and/or the restrictions being imposed, please contact Lee Napier, Community Development Director, at (360) 740-1146. The Fire Marshal's office is in the Lewis County Public Services building, located at 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, Washington.

