



Grays Harbor County  
Department of Public Services

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Outdoor Burning Restriction Lifted in Grays Harbor County

MONTESANO — Effective 12:01 A.M. on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, the Fire Districts and Fire Departments in Grays Harbor County, in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA), removed restrictions on all outdoor burning.

The amount of recent, near record rainfall, combined with its projected continuing trend, has reduced the threat of a wildfire to an appropriate level throughout the County. The Fire Marshal's Office cautioned residents to please note that the threat of escaped debris from burning will begin to increase if a dry trend occurs.

Fire Districts, Fire Departments, Grays Harbor County, and Washington State regulations place importance on following the rules that apply to outdoor burning in your area, and caution all citizens to be careful when burning. Please attend your burn at all times, and make sure that the fire is completely extinguished before leaving it unattended. For more information on outdoor burning on improved property, please contact your local fire protection agency before beginning to burn.

#### For information on local fire restrictions

**Grays Harbor County:** Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 249-5579

**Fire Districts:** Emergency pages of the local telephone book

**City Fire Departments:** Government pages of the local telephone book

**Washington State Department of Natural Resources:** Pacific Cascade Regional Office at (360) 577-2025 or Olympic Region Office at (360) 374-2811

**Olympic Region Clean Air Agency:** 1-800-422-5623

**Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest:** (360) 565-3121

#### For daily updates on burn restrictions

Contact DNR at 1-800-323-BURN or visit the website at [www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk](http://www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk) then click on fire information in the far right corner.

Contact ORCAA at 1-800-422-5623 or visit their website at [www.orcaa.org](http://www.orcaa.org).

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# COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

NUMBER 201031

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Peter Goldmark, 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, unusual fire danger exists during the time of July 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> on forest lands protected by the Department of Natural Resources, and

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

WHEREAS, on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Commissioner of Public Lands ordered an outdoor burning ban on all forest lands within the state of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection from July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and

WHEREAS, near record amounts of precipitation have reduced the unusual fire danger experienced statewide during the month of September, and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's September 2010 outlook calls for below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation,

THEREFORE, the outdoor burning ban on all forest lands within the state of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection is rescinded effective at 9:00 a.m. on September 21, 2010.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2010

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

  
PETER GOLDMARK  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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