



**North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services**
N.C. Forest Service



Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

Scott Bissette
Assistant Commissioner

May 30, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: All North Carolina Forest Service Districts
FROM: Scott Bissette – Assistant Commissioner
RE: Cancellation of Burning Permits and Implementation of a Burning Ban

Confirming authorization due to hazardous forest fire conditions, I am using authority under the law (106-944 & 106-946) to cancel all burning permits and prohibit all open burning for the entire counties of Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington. This ban on open burning is effective at 5 p.m. on May 30, 2019 and shall remain in effect until further notice.

The burn ban does not apply to fires that start within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. Fires within that 100 feet must be confined within an enclosure from which burning material may not escape, or within a protected area upon which a watch is being maintained and which is provided with adequate fire protection equipment. The local fire marshal has authority to issue a burn ban within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling.

By Direction Of:

Steven W. Troxler, Commissioner
NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

cc: NCDA&CS Public Affairs Director
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