MARION COUNTY FIRE AGENCIES ENACT HIGH-FIRE DANGER BURN BAN

<u>Effective Thursday September 8th 2022 at 23:59 Hours until further notice</u> all fire agencies within Marion County will enact a High-Fire Danger Burn Ban based on a recommendation by the Marion County Fire Defense Board.

Marion County fire agencies include: Aumsville Fire District, Aurora Fire District, Drakes Crossing Fire District, Gates Fire District, Hubbard Fire District, Idanha Detroit Fire District, Jefferson Fire District, Keizer Fire District, Lyons Fire District, Marion County Fire District #1, Mill City Fire District, Monitor Fire District, Mount Angel Fire District, Silverton Fire District, St. Paul Fire District, Salem Fire Department, Stayton Fire District, Sublimity Fire District, Turner Fire District, & Woodburn Fire District. Burning restrictions are authorized under Oregon Revised Statute 478.960 and Oregon Fire Code 307.

The burn ban prohibits all the following:

- 1. Backyard or open burning (branches, yard debris, etc.).
- 2. Non permitted agricultural burning (agricultural wastes, crops, field burning, etc.).
- 3. Any other land clearing, slash, stump, waste, debris, or controlled burning.
- 4. Small outdoor cooking, warming or recreational fires. These include portable or permanent fire pits, fire tables, and campfires.
- 5. Barbeque grills, smokers and similar cooking appliances where embers or an open/visible flame is present or emits embers into the atmosphere.

Campfires are banned on Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)-protected land, State Parks, and other State-owned lands which exists throughout much of rural Marion County. ODF restrictions now include prohibitions on campfires, smoking, target shooting, powered equipment, motorized vehicles, and other public/private landowner and industrial fire restrictions. More details about ODF fire restrictions are available at https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/PFR.html. ODF Lands have entered EXTREME fire conditions at the time of this notification.

Outdoor fires in violation of this burn ban may be immediately extinguished. If a fire agency responds to a fire that has been started in willful violation of this burn ban, the person responsible may be liable for all costs incurred, as well as legal fees per ORS 478.965.

Fire chiefs in Marion County encourage the public to use extreme caution with activities that could start a fire. It is everyone's responsibility to prevent and be prepared for wildfires.

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