



TO: All Media  
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**For Immediate Release**

### **Recreational Burning Closed Immediately**

Newport Fire Department is extending the current burn ban to recreational fires effective 10:00 am today. We are joining Oregon State Parks and Lincoln County Parks in prohibiting all open burning, including campfires in rings. The State Parks burn ban includes all Oregon beaches.

Fire danger is at an extreme high, even in our normally-damp coastal areas. To compound the danger, most local fire agencies currently have resources deployed to assist with fighting the many wildland fires active in eastern Oregon. Lincoln County has sent out two task force groups in the past several weeks, and will probably be activated again in the coming days. The unusually high fire danger coupled with the reduced available firefighting resources make a complete ban on burning the right thing to do.

Please contact us at 541-265-9461 if you have any questions,

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