



**Steven W. Troxler**  
Commissioner

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



**Scott Bisette**  
Assistant Commissioner

May 24, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All North Carolina Forest Service Districts  
**From:** Scott Bisette – 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 (NC G.S. 106-944 & 106-946) to cancel all burning permits and prohibit all open burning for the entire counties of Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland and Wayne. This ban on open burning is effective at noon Monday, May 24, 2021 and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Distribute widely to the affected areas. The burn ban does not apply to fires started 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  
N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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