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PRESS RELEASE

Press Release: Kittitas County Fire Marshal Lifts Burn Ban

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ELLENSBURG, WA – Dan Young, Kittitas County Fire Marshal, today announced that Kittitas County will lift the county wide burn ban effective October 19th at 0001 hours.

The burn ban was originally implemented based on the following criteria: dry conditions along with low relative humidity and low fuel moisture content of 10-, 100- and 1,000-hour fuels, elevating the risk of wild land fires. It has become apparent that with the fuel moisture content currently seen in our region, the relative humidity, and projected weather patterns, a burn ban is no longer necessary.

Although we have not received a Fire Season Ending rain event in parts of Kittitas County, conditions have improved enough that the threat of large, destructive wildfires has lowered to the extent that the burn ban can be lifted. The possibility of open burning spreading and becoming a wildfire still exists and we encourage everyone to use caution when burning, including not burning on windy days and always attending your burn. Each jurisdiction has different burning regulations, and we encourage everyone to check with their local fire district for open burning procedures.

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. All outdoor fires must be constantly attended by an adult until the fire is extinguished. Provide adequate means for extinguishing a fire and keep it readily available. Don't burn if wind conditions make it hazardous.

Any questions regarding burning regulations within the unincorporated areas of Kittitas County may be directed to Dan Young at the County Fire Marshal's Office.