



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



**Steven W. Troxler**  
Commissioner

**Scott Bissette**  
Assistant Commissioner

April 3, 2020

**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 Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey. This ban on open burning is effective at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020 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 Marshall 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:

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USFS Asheville Dispatch  
USFS Public Affairs  
National Park Service  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
South Carolina Forestry Commission  
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Tennessee Division of Forestry  
Georgia Forestry Commission

NC Division of Emergency Management  
NC Division of Air Quality  
NC Office of State Fire Marshal  
NC State Parks  
NC Wildlife Resources Commission  
The Nature Conservancy  
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