

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

() Discussion only

(x) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Land Use Planning

PROGRAM: Smoke Management

SUBJECT: Removal of Temporary Burn Ban for Summer 2021

<p>Background: Umatilla County adopted Order No. BCC2021-047 imposing a temporary non-agricultural (residential) burn ban on June 8, 2021 and an agricultural burn ban effective June 16, 2021. A request has been made to lift the temporary burn ban on both agricultural and non-agricultural burning.</p>	<p>() INFORMATIONAL (x) <u>ACTION REQUESTED:</u> Remove agricultural burn ban on September 22, 2021 at 1200 hrs. Remove non-agricultural (residential) burn ban on October 1, 2021. Staff will issue a press release immediately following this action.</p>
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ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Press Release for Non-Ag Burn Ban to Media

OTHER:

Submitted By: Gina Miller, staff liaison for the Smoke Management Committee

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Checkoffs:

- () Exec. Asst.
- (X) Dept. Head (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Budget (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal
- () (Other – List:

To be notified of Meeting:
Bob Waldher

Needed at Meeting:
Bob Waldher

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Scheduled for meeting on: _____

Action taken:

Follow-up:

Umatilla County

Department of Land Use Planning



PRESS RELEASE

Date: September 22, 2021

Contact: Bob Waldher
Planning Director
(541)278-6252

Lift Order for Agricultural Burn Ban EFFECTIVE September 22, 2021 @ NOON

Lift Order for Non-Agricultural (Residential) Burn Ban EFFECTIVE October 1, 2021

Pendleton, OR - On September 22, 2021, the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners adopted an order declaring a **LIFT** of the AGRICULTURAL BURN BAN effective September 22, 2021 at 1200 hours and NON-AGRICULTURAL BURN BAN effective October 1, 2021 within the unincorporated areas of Umatilla County. This excludes any land under the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon, the United States Government, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and those covered by a Fire District.

Burn day protocol is still in effect. Farmers and other residents who wish to burn are required to check the Umatilla County website for daily burn determinations at <http://www.umatillacounty.net> or call the County Burn Line at (541)278-6397. Burn Day determinations may also be found on Facebook at *Umatilla County Smoke Management*.

Open burning in the unincorporated areas and outside of Fire Districts requires a permit.
Contact the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541)278-6252 or the county website (www.umatillacounty.net) for permit applications.

UMATILLA COUNTY OPEN BURNING JURISDICTIONS AND PERMITS

- Umatilla County has permitting jurisdiction over all agricultural field burning (>2 acres) and all orchards through the County Smoke Management Ordinance. Additionally, the county has jurisdiction over residential burning outside of fire districts.
- Established Rural Fire Protection Districts (taxed districts) have jurisdiction within their districts for residential burning (less than 2 acres, burn barrels, etc.) and fire protection, including permitting.

For more information about the Smoke Management program, or to report illegal burning, call the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541)278-6252 or Umatilla County Dispatch (541)966-3651 after 5 p.m. and weekends.

For more information about the Umatilla County Smoke Management Ordinance, call the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541)278-6252.

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