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White County Burning Ban In Effect

Effective immediately, and until further notice, all outdoor burning is prohibited in White County due to the drought and high fire danger conditions.

The forecast along with our abnormally dry conditions, which has been elevated from extreme to exceptional, has increased the threat of a wild fire in our area.

The impact of these fires could threaten the health, well-being, property and safety of the citizens of White County, the City of Cleveland, and the City of Helen.

This ban is applied to all outdoor open flames including:

Campfires, burn barrels, leaf burning and fireworks.

Due to extreme fire danger and the current drought situation, Forest managers have made an important decision on behalf of public safety. Effective today, there will be a total fire ban on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. This means building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire (including charcoal based fire whether contained in a grill or not) are prohibited. Commercially available fuel stoves (camp stoves) are excluded from this restriction.

The Georgia Forestry Commission will not issue any burn permits until further notice.

Thank you for your support of this measure and complying with this burn ban.



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