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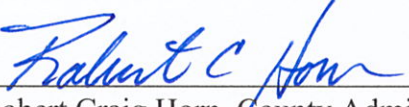
**BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA DECLARES LOCAL EMERGENCY  
COUNTY DELCARES LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO WILDFIRES  
AND DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS**

This Declaration of Emergency, effective Friday, November 8, 2024, is due to wildfires and dry weather conditions and in accordance with Section 44-146.21 and 15.2-922.1 of the Code of Virginia. According, there is hereby ordered a ban on open-air burning for the County of Buchanan until further notice and putting on alert the response and recovery programs of all applicable local and inter jurisdictional emergency operations plans should activation be warranted.

Experience has shown that suspending open burning is an effective way of preventing fire escapes and allows a quicker fire agency response, especially as Buchanan County continues to experience warmer and drier weather and wildfires. Although all fires cannot be prevented through a burn suspension, their numbers can be significantly reduced. Buchanan County Emergency Management wants to remind everyone that it is each individual's responsibility to help prevent fires that destroy lives, property and our wildland.

The ban on burning is applicable to public and private property and will remain in effect until Buchanan County receives a significant amount of precipitation to reduce the fire danger and the locally declared emergency has been formally ended by the Board of Supervisors.

Contact Bart Chambers, Emergency Management Coordinator at 276-935-5872 if additional information is needed.

  
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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

  
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