



North Carolina  
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Natural Resources

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North Carolina  
Division of Forest Resources

Wib L. Owen, Director

February 13, 2008

To: All NC Division of Forest Resources Districts

From: Wib L. Owen

Due to hazardous forest fire conditions and the continuing drought, I am using authority under the law (113-60.25 & 113-60.27) to cancel all burning permits and prohibit all open burning for all 100 counties in North Carolina effective February 14, 2008 at 12:00 noon.

This does not apply to fires started within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling, if such fires shall 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, unless the local Fire Marshal has issued a burn ban.

This ban shall be in effect until lifted by my order. Be sure to give this wide local publicity.

WILLIAM G. ROSS JR., SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BY DIRECTION OF:

*/s/ Wib L. Owen*

Wib L. Owen

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