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Fire Chief Issues Burn Ban for Anchorage and Vicinity

Anchorage, AK – Today at 5:30 PM, Fire Chief Doug Schrage announced a burn ban in the Anchorage area. This ban prohibits open burning within the Anchorage area and applies to all open fires including backyard fire pits and recreational fires. Commercially produced charcoal, propane, and pellet fired barbecues are exempt from the burn ban but extreme caution should be used when operating. This burn ban will be in effect until further notice.

This burn ban is pursuant to the National Weather Service Red-Flag Warning for hot, dry, windy conditions which will allow fires to grow very rapidly and may result in extreme fire behavior. Weather forecast through Saturday include strong winds with gusts to 35 MPH, continued warm sunny conditions, and very low relative humidity. Wildfires that may start would be expected to grow very rapidly.

The Fire Department will be operating in a heightened response posture including the staffing of additional wildfire resources and the dispatching of increased resources on initial calls to wildfire events.

Residents are asked to use extreme caution when working with or around any potential ignition sources such as powered equipment, tools / equipment that may cast sparks, discarded smoking materials, or any heat source sufficient to ignite dry grass and brush. If working with these materials residents should be prepared to quickly extinguish a fire that may start by having sufficient water readily available in the work area.

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