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## STEVENS COUNTY



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From: Dave Jones Stevens County Fire Marshal

## **STEVENS COUNTY LIFTS BURN BAN**

Colville, WA – September 24th, 2008 -- Stevens county Fire Marshal, Dave Jones, will lift the Burn Ban as of midnight, September 24, 2008. The lifting of the Burn Ban is in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources reduction of the fire danger to a moderate.

With the reduction of higher temperatures, the recent rain fall and the forecast for cooler temperatures, the fire danger is beginning to lower. Keep in mind that fire danger has many factors that can quickly change the risk under certain conditions. Property owners are still responsible for escaped fires and may be liable for both penalty fines and suppression costs.

This change in the fire restriction levels DOES NOT affect the Stevens County Urban Growth Areas, where outdoor burning is still prohibited by Department of Ecology regulations.

DNR burn permit holders are still required to call the 1-800-323-BURN daily if they may begin burning under the conditions of their permits.

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