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## **SMALL DEBRIS BURNING UPDATE** **East / West County Fire Metric Split**

The Skamania County Fire Marshals Office began monitoring fire metrics for the County in 2023 to determine when a burn ban is necessary. This is a science-based metric using the best available data. Due to the different and distinctive climates in the East side of the County, beginning this year, these fire metrics have been split between the East and West side of the County. The dividing line is Dog Mountain going north and includes Cook, Mill-A, Willard, and Underwood. These areas pose a higher risk for wildfire during hotter and dryer weather conditions. A link to an interactive map showing this dividing line can be found [here](#).

The current fire metrics are showing a potential need for a small debris burn ban on the East side of the County sooner than the rest of the County and may be implemented as soon as June 1, 2025. An official notice will be released when the decision has been made.

As always, please be sure recreational fires are completely extinguished before leaving them unattended and remain diligent when burning, following all burning conditions and restrictions listed on the burn permit. Making smart, informed decisions and burning responsibly is the best way to prevent wildfires.

For burn ban updates and burning information please check all available resources including:

- ❖ [Skamania County Fire Marshal](#)
- ❖ [Washington State Department of Natural Resources](#)
- ❖ [Gifford Pinchot National Forest](#)
- ❖ [Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
- ❖ [Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area](#)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arnold Bell".

Arnold Bell  
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