

FIRE DANGER THREAT

**NO FIREWORKS.
NO SLASH / YARD DEBRIS FIRES.
PLEASE, NO CAMPFIRES.**

CURRENT FIRE DANGER STATUS:

As you likely know, our state is in a period of record breaking heat. We are also entering a period of extreme drought. This heatwave coupled with drought is EXTREMELY dangerous, creating extreme fire danger.

Though the current status of Fire Danger is Moderate per DNR, State and Federal Agencies are advising it is **extremely likely to meet RED FLAG status** in the coming days. Please be vigilant. Per discussion with local leadership, it is highly likely a **100% burn ban will be in effect in the coming days.**

FIREWORKS:

PLEASE DO NOT BRING PERSONAL FIREWORKS TO THE ISLAND. While we all want to celebrate, bringing incendiary devices to Decatur Island raises the risk of wildfire, even with the best intentions. Fireworks are illegal within San Juan County.

Submitted by the San Juan County Fire Marshal's Office

"A friendly reminder that all personal fireworks are prohibited in San Juan County. This includes firecrackers, mortars, sparklers, and bottle rockets. Personal firework discharge is a crime punishable by fines from the San Juan County Sheriff's Office. Furthermore, any fires linked to the use of personal fireworks are subject to billing from all agencies that respond to the fire including local fire districts as well as Washington DNR."

RESIDENTIAL FIRES:

-Campfires are currently allowed in San Juan County, though there is a plea to refrain. From **Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz, "I'm asking everyone to please refrain from starting outdoor fires this weekend.** The vast majority of all wildfires are caused by humans, so we're going to need everyone to do their part to keep people safe as the weather gets hotter and drier."

If having a campfire, please ensure the size is appropriate, no larger than 3' x 3', built on bare soil, gravel, or in a fire bowl. Ensure to have a shovel and water source close by. Be sure to put the fire **dead out** before leaving unattended.

-Residential (Slash) Fires are currently banned until early October. A residential slash fire is the burning of yard debris, branches, etc.

-Commercial (Slash) Fires are currently banned until early October. Such fires require a permit.

For additional information, please visit:

SAN JUAN COUNTY

<https://www.sanjuanco.com/1096/Open-Burn-Info>

<https://www.sanjuanco.com/1088/Fire-Marshal>

OTHER PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

- Do not park vehicles, including recreational vehicles in dry grassy areas as residual heat from exhaust systems can ignite the dry grass.
- Use extreme caution while operating lawnmowers as well.
- Be sure recreational vehicles have operating spark arrestors.
- Dispose of lit smoking materials in ashtrays or a cup of water so that they will not ignite another source.

We all want to have an enjoyable time on the Island as well as preserving this amazing place for all of us. Please do your part.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable time here or wherever you may be,

Randy Stricker

Alan Mizuta

Mark Wall

Andy Wood



A few other resources, but not all:

NOAA WEATHER

[https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?](https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=sew&issuedby=sew&product=AFD&format=CI&version=1&glossary=1)

[site=sew&issuedby=sew&product=AFD&format=CI&version=1&glossary=1](https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=sew&issuedby=sew&product=AFD&format=CI&version=1&glossary=1)

DNR RESOURCES

[https://www.dnr.wa.gov/WildfirePrevention?](https://www.dnr.wa.gov/WildfirePrevention?fbclid=IwAR3wMqB28vdmSOBU-7JY_BvKdiXpAJIRy4mCjvN1ziMbXKcZs47GNo3Zw)

[fbclid=IwAR3wMqB28vdmSOBU-7JY_BvKdiXpAJIRy4mCjvN1ziMbXKcZs47GNo3Z](https://www.dnr.wa.gov/WildfirePrevention?fbclid=IwAR3wMqB28vdmSOBU-7JY_BvKdiXpAJIRy4mCjvN1ziMbXKcZs47GNo3Zw)

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<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/wildfire-resources>

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/firedanger/>