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REVISED Order Declaring Unusual Fire Danger and Imposing Burn Ban in the City of Forks

This order modifies the 17 July 2024 burn ban.

Pursuant to Forks Municipal Code Chapter 2.35, as the City's Fire Inspector so designated by the Mayor, and in order to avoid any uncertainty, we hereby declare that there is an unusual fire danger in the City of Forks. This is based upon the following:

1. Warm summer heat and winds; and
2. Continued dryness of the understory of wooded areas in spite of the brief bouts of rain received in the past few days.

Combined, these conditions will increase the potential of grass, leaves, and other plants to catch on fire.

Further, pursuant to the authority within that Chapter, and with the full concurrence of the Mayor, I **hereby absolutely prohibit** the use of fire within the City of Forks; ***EXCEPT FOR*** smokers, bar-b-ques (briquette or propane). **THIS PROHIBITION INCLUDES RECREATIONAL FIRES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

I also hereby prohibit the use of such things as "Japanese Lanterns" (floating lanterns), open fire pits, and the use of fire torches of any kind for treatment of yards, driveways, etc. Additional modifications may be made to ensure the public's safety. This ban on the use of fire shall remain in effect until such time as the Clallam County Fire Marshall, or their designee, removes the concurrent Clallam County Fire Ban.

Issued on 26 July 2024

Bill Paul
Fire Chief
Clallam County Fire District No. 1
(including the City of Forks)

Tim Fletcher
Mayor
Affirming & Concurring