

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator
FROM: Phil Cecere, Building Official Fire Marshal
DATE: 7/15/2024
SUBJECT: Review the July 10 change in fire danger level and burn restrictions, changing from a moderate to high level.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The Jefferson County Fire Marshal requests the Board of County Commissioners review a recent change in the fire danger level from moderate to high.

ANALYSIS:

As a requirement of newly adopted JCC 8.72.040(1), the Fire Marshal shall report any change in fire danger level to the Board following any change in fire danger level and corresponding burn restrictions. The Fire Marshal has reviewed the order from the Washington State Public Lands Commissioner for a statewide escalation of fire danger on public lands. In recognition of the order and after consultation with the Jefferson County Fire Chief's Association, the decision was made to increase the fire danger level to high.

Attached are the State of Washington Public Land Commissioner's order, Jefferson County Declaration of High Fire Hazard and Jefferson County burn level graphics with restrictions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no direct fiscal impacts associated with this ordinance although efficiency would be improved.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board review the current changes and increase public awareness through discussion in a public meeting.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date