



**North Carolina Department of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services**  
*N.C. Forest Service*



**Steven W. Troxler**  
Commissioner

**Gregory M. Hicks**  
Assistant Commissioner

Nov. 22, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All North Carolina Forest Service Districts

From: Greg Hicks – Assistant Commissioner

RE: Removal of Burning Restrictions

Due to recent precipitation and decreased fire danger, I have rescinded the restriction on open burning for the counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey effective at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023.

By Direction Of:

Steve Troxler, Commissioner

N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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