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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Pete Kremen, County Executive
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FROM: Warner Webb, Whatcom County Fire Marshal

DATE: September 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Open Burning

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Due to the increase in fuel moisture levels, fire danger levels for Whatcom County have dropped from moderate to low. With the change in the fire danger rating the Fire Marshal's Office will lift the ban on outdoor burning at 8 am on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 for the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County outside of the Department of Natural Resources jurisdiction.

For forested areas that are under DNR jurisdiction a burn ban is being lifted on September 30, 2011. Please contact DNR for further information on burn permitting in their jurisdiction.

A permanent ban on open burning remains in effect in the Cities of Bellingham, Lynden, and Ferndale, Blaine, Everson, Nooksack, Sumas, Birch Bay, Kendall, Cherry Point and their Urban Growth areas. For more information you can contact the Northwest Clean Air Agency at (800) 622-4627 or check their website at www.nwcleanair.org.

Burn permits are required in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County, and are available by calling the burn information line at (360) 676-6934. As always if there are questions about open burning that are not answered by the burn information line you can also contact the Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 676-6907.