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For Immediate Release:

PEND OREILLE COUNTY BURNING CONTROLS IN EFFECT

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced a statewide burn ban on all DNR protected lands from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012.

Therefore, in accordance with Pend Oreille County Burning Control Ordinance 2011-3: "Whenever the Washington State Department of Natural Resources imposes Burning Controls upon lands within Pend Oreille County, the Pend Oreille County Commissioners hereby direct that identical County Burning Controls will be imposed upon all lands under county jurisdiction without further action of the Board of County Commissioners with the following exception:

Recreational fires on improved property will be allowed when the Washington State Department of Natural Resources allows campfires in designated campgrounds in Pend Oreille County if and only if the recreational fire meets all of the following conditions:

The fire

- (1) Is attended at all times
- (2) Is no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet and no taller than 2 feet
- (3) A charged hose or five gallons of water is present along with a shovel and
- (4) There is a fire break/non-combustable surface of at least three feet around the fire.

In the event that a fire escapes, the property owner is responsible for any and all fire suppression costs."

Effective July 1, 2012 the following Burning Controls are in effect in Pend Oreille County:

- 1.) All outdoor burning is banned
- 2.) Recreational fires in approved fire pits are allowed provided that all of the above conditions are met
- 3.) The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbeques are allowed.

Daily updates on burn restrictions are available at 1-800-323-BURN.

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