



NEWS RELEASE

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Burn Ban Issued for Decatur County

Greensburg, IN. – Decatur County Elected Leaders and Public Safety Officials have issued a burn ban for Decatur County due to the lack rainfall that has occurred in the county.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

AND NO BURN DECLARATION

FOR DECATUR COUNTY, INDIANA

Whereas, Decatur County, Indiana has been, and is currently, in a prolonged period of drought which has created a state of emergency and urgent necessity; and

Whereas, the effect of the lack of rainfall has dried vegetation to the point it may easily combust and has thus become a fire hazard; and

Whereas, the County Firemen's Association of Decatur County, Indiana find that a burn ban is a highly appropriate public safety response to the hazards presented by the current drought conditions.

Now therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Indiana, declare, pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29, that a state of emergency exists in Decatur County, Indiana and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and cause the issuance of this order to be in full force and effect in Decatur County, Indiana for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Decatur County, Indiana.

Any individual or entity found in violation of this order shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 but not more than \$1,000.00, plus applicable court costs.

This order, issued on this 18th day of September, 2024 shall continue until rescinded by the Board, but shall be reviewed at regularly scheduled meetings of the Board, with the next review on the 7th day of October, 2024.