

# COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

NUMBER 201522

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Peter Goldmark, Commissioner of Public Lands**

WHEREAS, RCW 76.04 defines the lands within the State of Washington where the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for fire protection; and

WHEREAS, RCW 76.04 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to regulate the use of fire on the forest lands for which it has fire protection responsibility; and

WHEREAS, RCW 76.04 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources in times and localities of unusual fire danger to prohibit the use of fire in those locations; and

WHEREAS, unusual fire danger exists and is forecast to continue through September 30, 2015, on forest lands protected by the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, wildfires result in large expenditures of public funding that can be avoided through prudent actions to prevent them; and

WHEREAS, outdoor burning is currently banned on all forest lands east of the Cascade Mountains crest within the State of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection through September 30, 2015, with the exception of recreational fires in approved fire pits within designated state, county, municipal, or other campgrounds; and

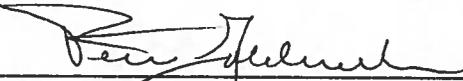
WHEREAS, compelling need exists to allow a limited exception to this ban so that controlled burns can be conducted in designated areas under tightly controlled conditions for live-fire training exercises to be conducted during the Department of Natural Resources eastern Washington wildfire training academy;

THEREFORE, limited controlled burning is allowed for live-fire training exercises under the direction of the Incident Commander of the DNR eastern Washington wildfire training academy during the period from June 25 to June 27, 2015.

The ban on all other outdoor burning with the conditional, recreational-fire exception remains in effect on all forest lands east of the Cascade Mountains crest within the State of Washington under Department of Natural Resources fire protection, through September 30, 2015.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

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**PETER GOLDMARK  
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