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County to Extend Outdoor Burning Ban

Troup County, Ga. September 30, 2019 – Troup County has extended the outdoor burning ban indefinitely due to an abundance in the lack of rain and record-breaking temperatures.

While it is customary for the “burn ban” to be lifted on the first of October, the County has made the decision to extend the burning ban indefinitely in order to secure the safety of all citizens in the community. As drought conditions continue to expand across northwest Georgia, the concern rises for the potential for rapid fire to spread that may be difficult to contain. Grass, leaves, and natural vegetation are all extremely dry and can easily be ignited by embers from nearby fires.

Due to the persistent lack of rain and record-breaking temperatures in the 80’s and low 90’s, the County is asking its citizens not to burn until further notice. Once our area has received a notable amount of rain, the County will lift the Outdoor Burning Ban.

According to National Weather Service predictions, humidity and rain conditions are unlikely to improve in the long-range; therefore, it is unlikely that the total ban on outdoor burning will be lifted in the foreseeable future. The Troup County Fire Department follows guidance provided by the Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the National Weather Service.

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