

ORDER

Pursuant to General Statutes § 22a-6

Commissioner Katherine Dykes

Effective October 26, 2024

Burn ban for all Connecticut State Parks, Forests, and Wildlife Management Areas

I hereby approve the prohibition in all Connecticut State Parks, Forests, and Wildlife Management areas of the use of all outdoor grills, firepits, and campfires, and the kindling and use of flame outdoors, and approve the public notice and posting of any relevant signage.

On October 25, 2024, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued a declaration of civil preparedness emergency pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-9 for the emergency response to the Hawthorne Fire starting on October 21, 2024, as well as for the continued response to other fires across the state until weather conditions improve, and a significant fire threat is no longer present.

In the interests of protecting residents of our state from the continued threat of forest fires, to prevent the ignition of new fires during a period of elevated fire risk, it is necessary to issue this order limiting potentially dangerous behavior within Agency owned properties.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the aforementioned state of emergency issued by the Governor, unless earlier modified or revoked by me. An infraction will follow a violation of this prohibition.