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NEWS RELEASE

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Fire Level Increased, Limits Campfires to Approved Campgrounds

MONTESANO —Effective 12:01 A.M. Tuesday, July 24, 2018, With the continued trend of warm and dry weather the Grays Harbor County Fire Districts and Fire Departments in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA), will be enacting restrictions on outdoor burning **including campfires on private land**. Residential burning and campfires, along with land clearing and silvicultural [forest practices] burning will be prohibited until further notice.

Recreational campfires are permitted only within approved campgrounds in improved fire pits, such as those found in local, county, state parks and licensed commercial campgrounds.

Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.

For more information on local fire restrictions

Grays Harbor County: Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 249-4222 **Fire Districts**: Emergency pages of the local telephone book

City Fire Departments: Government pages of the local telephone book

Washington State Department of Natural Resources: Pacific Cascade Regional Office at (360)

577-2025 or Olympic Region Office at (360) 374-2811 Olympic Region Clean Air Agency: 1-800-422-5623

Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest: (360) 565-3121

For information about fires on Local Beaches

- All beach fires must be located 100 feet minimum from the dunes and comply with WAC 352-37-105.
- Please contact Washington State Parks at their website @ http://parks.state.wa.us/ or by calling:

Washington State Parks: (360) 902-8844.

For daily updates on burn restrictions

Contact DNR at **1-800-323-BURN** or visit the website at <u>www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk</u> then click on fire information in the far right corner.

Contact ORCAA at 1-800-422-5623 or visit their website at www.orcaa.org.