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**DECLARATION OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD
FOR ALL OF UNINCORPORATED JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE, MANUFACTURE, SALE, STORAGE, OR
TRANSPORTATION OF FIREWORKS**

Pursuant to Chapter 8.75 of the Jefferson County Code (JCC), a DECLARATION OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD has been issued. A HIGH FIRE HAZARD is defined as a period of hot, dry weather accompanied by low fuel moistures, where fires start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely and are difficult to control unless they are successfully attacked when the fires are small. It is during this period that wildland fires can be expected, and fire growth will be accelerated. The Jefferson County Fire Chiefs and the County Fire Marshal agree that conditions warrant such a declaration. Several factors are at play in this decision including, but not limited to: input received from DNR, ORCCA, NWS and other State, Federal and local agencies.

As a result of this declaration, **THE DISCHARGE, MANUFACTURE, SALE, STORAGE, OR TRANSPORTATION OF FIREWORKS IS PROHIBITED DURING THIS DECLARATION OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD**, except as otherwise permitted in Chapter 8.75 JCC. "Fireworks" has the same meaning as in RCW [70.77.126](#).

This declaration is in effect until atmospheric and field conditions fall to an acceptable level for a length of time to determine that the threat has lessened and that risk to citizens, property and first responders has subsided to acceptable levels.

Any questions about this declaration should be submitted to Fire Marshal Phil Cecere at (360) 379-4461, or email at PCecere@co.jefferson.wa.us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Cecere", is written over a horizontal line.

Phil Cecere,
Jefferson County Fire Marshal
Date: 6/30/2023