

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

**PROHIBITION ON THE KINDLING OF ANY OPEN FIRE &
SMOKING IN OR NEAR WOODLANDS**

WHEREAS, due to drought conditions, low water levels in many communities, and an increasing potential for wildfires, there is great concern that wildfires could unexpectedly and rapidly increase thereby endangering life and property; and

WHEREAS, these conditions exist in all ten counties of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim the **PROHIBITION ON THE KINDLING OF OPEN FIRE AND SMOKING IN OR NEAR WOODLANDS**, until such time as the period of protracted drought or excessive dryness which requires these extraordinary precautions ceases to exist in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.

1. In consideration of the forgoing, the following are prohibited:
 - a) kindling of open fire, including fires built for camping, the burning of debris, or warming, on all public trails or other public property, excluding public campgrounds; and
 - b) kindling of category 3 “campfires;” a fire greater than 4 feet in diameter or a fire not contained within a ring of fire resistive material; and
 - c) smoking a pipe, cigar and/or cigarette outdoors in or near public woodlands or on public trails; and
 - d) kindling of category 1 & 2 “campfires;” not contained within a ring of fire restrictive material or in a portable fire place.
2. The Division of Forests and Lands shall take steps to enforce the prohibition as provided in Title XIX-A, Forestry; Chapter 227-L, Woodland Fire Control. Pursuant to RSA 227-L:17, any kindling of open fire not prohibited by Section 1 shall require a written permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless it is in the presence of the warden or the warden's agent.
3. The Division of Forests and Lands and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall provide information and updates to the Governor and the public regarding forest conditions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 24th day of September, 2020.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

