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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Outdoor Burning Advisory - Hazardous Fire Conditions to Continue in Henderson County

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Henderson County is issuing an advisory to residents and businesses discouraging open burning. The County continues to work closely with the NC Forest Service to evaluate the need to implement a countywide burning ban. This advisory could elevate to a burning ban as the situation changes.

Hazardous fire conditions currently exist and will continue in Henderson County. Relatively warm temperatures, very dry air and occasional gusty winds combined with dry brush and leaves have created increased fire danger across the county. Under these conditions even small fires can quickly burn out of control causing extensive damage to forest lands and nearby homes. The Fire Marshal's Office advises outdoor burning activities should cease until conditions improve.

A burning advisory is not a burning ban, however persons who choose to burn may be held responsible for any associated damages.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Fire Marshal's Office at 828-697-4728.

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