

High Winds, Low Humidity= High Fire Danger

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High winds, low humidity equal high fire danger, causing fire officials to ask for extra caution today. Watauga Fire Marshal Steve Sudderth said that with the winds and humidity below 20% , Watauga County will be in an increased fire danger today—the NC Forest Service reporting a readiness plan 4, with aviation, heavy equipment and personnel ready. Sudderth said “If you are disposing wood stove or fireplace ashes be sure to do so in a safe manner and that they are extinguished before disposal. Though there is no burning ban it would be a good idea to wait for safer conditions before burning outside brush.” He said that if you have any questions or concerns you can contact the NC Forest Service 265-5375 your local Watauga County Fire Department or the Watauga County Fire Marshal’s Office 264-4235.