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BLAND COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY: OPEN-AIR BURN BAN TO END

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(Bland County, Virginia) – The Local Emergency: open-air burn ban in the County of Bland ended effective Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Prior to this weekend, Bland County had experience extremely windy and dry weather conditions for several weeks. Due to concerns of extreme fire danger and the number of forest fires being experienced across Bland County since the first of May, local officials declared a local emergency banning open air burning on Thursday, May 12th at 12:00 p.m.

Bland County has received significant rain since that declaration, with more rain predicted in the coming days. Therefore, the decision has been made to lift the open-air burn ban. County officials continue to stress the need for everyone to be cautious with any burning.

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