

**IN THE MATTER OF FIRE HAZARD
IN BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

COURT ORDER NO. 2024 - 71

NOW on this 25th day of October, 2024, a day on which this Court deems to be in session, comes on for consideration of establishing a burn ban in the unincorporated areas of Baxter County.

Due to the current weather conditions and continued drying conditions, it has become necessary to ban all outdoor burning in Baxter County in accordance with Baxter County Code §360.02.

Section 1. The Court finds that an emergency situation exists in the unincorporated areas of Baxter County, and the hazard potential to life and property is such that a ban and prohibition against outdoor burning is hereby declared until such time as this order is lifted.

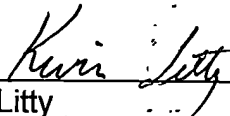
Section 2. This order shall be enforceable by and through the Baxter County Sheriff's Department.

Section 3. Outdoor burning may be permitted under special circumstances, when the Court is assured that all necessary and proper precautions are being enforced to ensure that burning constitutes no hazard to life and property. No outdoor burning shall be permitted in the absence of a written permit from the County Judge and the Fire Chief of the appropriate fire protection district, or governing body of their designee, i.e., U.S. Corp of Engineers, Arkansas State Park and Forest Service or the U.S. National Forest Service, please note A.C.A. §5-38-310(a)(7).

Section 4. Failure to comply with the burning ban shall constitute a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor allows the District Judge to set the fine from zero to \$500.00 for the first offense and up to \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense.

NOW THEREFORE, the Baxter County Court hereby orders a Burn Ban in all unincorporated areas of Baxter County until such time conditions change and the Court lifts the ban.

ENTERED THIS 25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.



Kevin Litty
Baxter County Judge



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WILDFIRE SITUATION REPORT OCTOBER

FORESTRY DIVISION Rec. Date: 10/23/2024 Eff. Date: 10/23/2024 Time: 1530 Report By: JF

District	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Ready Level	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	

FIRES SUPPRESSED

Fires	1	4	1	11	0	0	1	18
Forest acres	25	48	3	72	0	0	8	156
Non-forest acres	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total acres	25	48	3	74	0	0	8	158

FIRES BURNING

Fires	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Total acres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Check out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

STRUCTURES

Number lost								0
Description of structure								
Number threatened							4	4
Description of structure							home	
Number damaged								0
Description of structure								

EQUIP. OUT OF SERVICE	163 transport		522 plow	
	181 brush truck		663 transport & plow	
	191 brush truck			
162 dozer & 122 transport				

Detection Flights:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tanker Drops:							

WILDFIRE RECAP FOR OCTOBER

Fires Suppressed:	244	Forest Acres:	2,403	Non-Forest Acres:	300	Total Acres:	2,703
Structures lost:	6	Threatened:	119	Damaged:	0		

Wildfire Recap For 2024

Fires Suppressed:	865	Forest Acres:	15,447	Non-Forest Acres:	1,706	Total Acres:	17,153
Structures lost:	7	Threatened:	338	Damaged:	0		

Weather Station ID	UAM	ODEN	POINSETT	BLUFF CITY	SHERIDAN	BOONEVILLE	GUY	HORSESHOE BEND
Burning Index	21	25	21	22	19	23	23	16
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	616	742	300	644	732	692	693	283

