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AGRICULTURAL BURNING RESTRICTIONS in effect during Umatilla County Fair & Farm-City Pro Rodeo

Pendleton, Ore. – The Umatilla County Fair and Farm-City Pro Rodeo will be held in Hermiston this week. This means that there will be limits on agricultural burning August 7th through 11th.

“This temporary ban is one of ten area events identified as Haze Reduction Days in section 95.05(2)(B) of the Umatilla County Smoke Management Ordinance,” stated Ray Denny, Umatilla County Emergency Manager.

- The burning limitation applies to all agricultural burns of lands both within and outside of a Fire District.
- No open burning shall be allowed within a radius of three miles of the Umatilla County Fair & Farm-City Pro Rodeo grounds or within 5 miles generally upwind.
- Small burns (less than two acres) and barrels are regulated by Fire Districts. Most Fire Districts within the county currently have burn bans in effect.
- If you are outside the limited burn ban boundary please contact the county burn phone line for up to date information on burning restrictions
- The County Board of Commissioners will discuss the current county air quality and wildfire hazard conditions at their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, 9:00 a.m. in Room 121 of the courthouse.

For more information on the Umatilla County Smoke Management Program, call the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541) 966-3705.



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