



HAINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Box 849
Haines, AK 99827

Phone (907) 766-2115 Fax (907) 766-3373 hvfd@mac.com

July 06, 2020

PRESS RELEASE: Burn Ban to remain in effect for all open fires.
Burn barrels shall be exempt.

As of 0400 Monday the Fire Danger Index has been eased to **HIGH DANGER** from Very High Danger the previous days. Burn barrels, designated BBQ's and small camp fire rings used for "cooking" shall remain exempt from the Burn Ban, however a Burn Ban shall remain in effect for all other open fires; rubbish, brush or otherwise.

The HVFD determines the burn bans based on the Fire Danger Ratings issued through the Fire Weather Index in conjunction with the Alaska State Division of Forestry, National Weather service, collaborating State and Federal Wildland Fire Suppression Agencies and local observations.

Despite the low cloud cover and some isolated precipitation scattered over parts of the SE Panhandle, there has still been no significant "wetting" to reduce the "dust index" or dryness of the "fine fuels and duff. The relative humidity is expected to be above 60% and temperatures are expected to remain in the 60s to low 70s. Please have "water" or a means of "suppression" available at any burn.

Thank you,
Respectfully,

Al Giddings
Fire Chief - HVFD

