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GOVERNOR IVEY ISSUES STATEWIDE 'NO BURN ORDER'

MONTGOMERY, AL - Citizens of Anniston, on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, Governor Kay Ivey issued a statewide **Drought Emergency Declaration**. This declaration, often referred to as a **'No Burn Order,'** prohibits all outdoor burning activities in Alabama. The directive will be effective as of **November 9, 2023, commencing at 8:00 AM** Central Standard Time.

"Given the current extremely dry conditions in Alabama, there is an alarming potential for hazardous wildfire incidents," Governor Ivey emphasized. "I extend my appreciation to State Forester Rick Oates and his dedicated team for their tireless efforts in safeguarding our forests and containing fires. This order is pivotal in preventing unnecessary burning, significantly reducing the risk of avoidable fires. I implore all Alabamians to heed this warning," she urged.

This Drought Emergency Declaration will remain in force until the State Forester deems it safe to rescind the order, considering a substantial change in conditions that reduces the prevalence and frequency of wildfires.

Since the initiation of the statewide Fire Alert on October 24, the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) firefighters have valiantly responded to 352 wildfires, encompassing an area of 3,199 acres across the state.

To report any instances of burning that violate this order, please contact the City of Anniston Fire Marshal at 256-231-7650, ext. 330 or jkbrown@anniston.al.gov. For more comprehensive information and updates on the current wildfire situation in Alabama, visit the Alabama Forestry Commission's website at www.forestry.alabama.gov.

