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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MILLS COUNTY OPEN BURN BAN

[Glenwood] – An open burn ban will go into effect Monday, February 26, 2024, at 8:00am, for all areas and jurisdictions within Mills County. The ban prohibits all open and controlled burning in Mills County, including all incorporated city limits within the county.

Due to record high temperatures, existing dry fuels, limited moisture, and the continued drought conditions, the already dangerous fire conditions are expected to worsen this week.

Citizens are reminded to not throw out cigarettes from moving vehicles and to discontinue burning yard waste, piled tree debris, grass/agriculture ground and set asides or other items during this ban. Small recreational campfires are permitted only if they're conducted in a fireplace of brick, metal, or heavy one-inch wire mesh, however extreme caution should be taken. Any campfire not in an outdoor fireplace is prohibited.

Violation of the burn ban can subject a person to criminal charges as well as civil liabilities for any damages, losses or injuries resulting from the fire.

The open burn ban will remain in effect until the dangerous fire conditions are no longer present.

For more information contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (515) 725-6145 or go to www.dps.state.ia.us or contact Mills County Emergency Management at (712) 527-3643.

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