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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MILLS COUNTY IMPLEMENTS BURNING BAN

Glenwood, Iowa - - A county-wide burning ban will be in place for Mills County starting tomorrow, August 6th, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. The ban prohibits open burning in Mills County, including all the cities within the county.

Due to abnormally dry air conditions temperatures and the possibility for high winds, Mills County rural local jurisdictional areas are extremely dry. A majority of local fire departments were in agreement and the ban was approved today by the State Fire Marshall in Des Moines.

All open burning will be banned within Mills County until further notice under Chapter 100 of the Iowa Code. An application to your local Fire District Chief can be obtained to allow a permit for an open burn if your local Fire Official believes it is safe to do so. After approval of permit, several County entities are informed to lessen the danger of false alarms.

“This is a dangerous situation and we rely on the public to assist us in this ban.” stated Gabe Barney, Emergency Management Director. The conditions are currently favorable for a fast moving wild land fire that can destroy property and become life threatening if uncontrolled.

Citizens are reminded to:

- < Avoid using fireworks and other items that produce flame or sparks.
- < Not throw out cigarettes from moving vehicles.
- < Discontinue the burning of yard waste, piled tree debris or other items during the ban.

Small recreational camp fires are permitted only if they are conducted in a fire place of brick, metal or heavy one inch wire mesh. Any camp fire not in an outdoor fire place is prohibited.

Violation of a burn ban can subject a person to citation or arrest for reckless use of fire or disobeying a burn ban.

For more information on burn bans and the law contact the State Fire Marshal’s Office at 515.725.6145 or go to www.dps.state.ia.us or Mills County Emergency Management at 712.527.3643.