



**HALEY BARBOUR**  
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**GOV. BARBOUR ISSUES STATEWIDE BURN BAN**

JACKSON – Gov. Haley Barbour today declared a State of Emergency banning all outdoor burning because of extremely dry conditions statewide. The dry conditions have increased the risk for wildfires, and forest fires already have burned wide areas of Mississippi, causing damage to public and private property and timberland.

“Everyone across the state needs to take the threat of wildfire seriously,” Gov. Barbour said. “These dry conditions can cause fires to quickly spread out of control. I urge everyone to be mindful of how you dispose of flammable objects, such as cigarettes and matches, and to refrain from burning trash or leaves.”

The State of Emergency is attached.

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## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi has been and will continue to be adversely affected by extremely dry conditions and forest wildfire danger, and as a result thereof severe wildfire conditions and forest fires are occurring over wide areas of Mississippi causing damage to public and private property and timberland; and


**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of public and private property within the affected areas of the State, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect people and property:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 33-15-5(g) and 33-15-11(b)(1) and (17) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist across the state affected by extremely dry conditions and fire danger and, therefore, prohibit any outdoor burning in the state until such conditions improve and dangers abated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.



DONE in the City of Jackson, on the sixth day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

  
HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.