

Agencies issue warning against prescribed burns in drought

The Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas have issued a joint burn advisory.

Kansas landowners and operators enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program contracts with pre-

scribed burns planned or scheduled to be completed should be aware that persistent drought conditions across Kansas are creating conditions unsuitable for completing burns. Dry soil conditions, wind speeds, low relative humidity, continued drought and current

weather are all ongoing factors producing unsafe conditions for burns and will produce results outside the defined objectives for which the practice is planned.

Areas designated as D1 or higher on the U.S. Drought Monitor map should not be completing a

prescribed burning practice. The U.S. Drought Monitor can be located on the Internet at drought-monitor.unl.edu/. Completing a burn may increase unfavorable results such as severe wind erosion or place property or safety at risk. Prescribed burning is an im-

portant component in plant communities across Kansas. Equally important is the message of use only during safe and predictable climatic conditions.

Conservation Reserve Program participants should contact their local service center and visit with

employees to discuss modifying the time frame for completing prescribed burns. Also, Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program participants should contact their local office to discuss planned burns.



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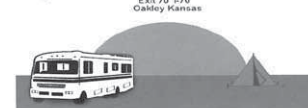


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