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Proclamation of Advanced Closed Fire Season for Washington County, Utah

Whereas: Wildfire danger is unseasonably high due to warmer temperatures, drier than normal weather and abnormally dry fuel conditions in Washington County.

Whereas: Minimizing the threat of wildfire on state and private lands in southwest Utah is critical to maintaining public health, safety and welfare, and economic well-being.

Whereas: An advancement of the statutory closed fire season would reduce open burning on all state land and unincorporated private land.

Whereas: Open burning is known to be a frequent cause of wildfire.

Therefore: In accordance with Utah State Statute §65A-8-211(1)(c), I do hereby proclaim that the closed fire season, which normally begins June 1, be advanced to begin on May 16, 2018, in Washington County.

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