State of Emergency

Buncombe County’s Burn Ban

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Why a State of Emergency?

• Prolonged drought conditions
• Low atmospheric humidity
• Unstable wind conditions
• High fire danger
• Multiple fires in the region depleting local resources
What a State of Emergency Does

• Reduces our vulnerability
• Prepares for prompt and efficient response
• Provides for coordination with other agencies who can help expedite responses, regardless of jurisdiction
• Heightens public awareness and personal responsibility
How Long Will We Have a State of Emergency?

• Until conditions improve and the risk factors recede, which will require significant rainfall not currently in our forecast
Personal Fire Safety
How Fires Can Grow

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<th>Cumulative Acreage</th>
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Party Rock Fire
Lake Lure, NC
November 2016
State of Emergency – Next Steps

• Preparing for sheltering operations in the event that relocations are necessary
• Preparing for coordinated responses
• Daily situational reporting with partner agencies
• Monitoring conditions and resources within the region
• Continued cooperation with the public to reduce community risk
• In case of emergency, we will utilize Code Red text alerts. Sign up by texting “BCAlert” to 99411 or go to www.buncombecounty.org/codered
State of Emergency – Amplifying the Message

- Electronic billboard space donated by Lamar Advertising
- PSAs donated by iHeartRadio network
- Flyers at County campgrounds
- Traditional media outreach
- Buncombe County social media channels
-Slides at Buncombe County locations including 40 Coxe