



<b>Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)</b>
<b>Commissioner's Order: 2011-12</b>
<b>Commissioner's Order Limiting Open Fires within the state</b>
<b>Effective Date:</b> October 7, 2011
<b>Statutory authority:</b> <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , sections 88.10, 88.16, 88.17 and 88.22
Amends / Supersedes Commissioner's Order

**WHEREAS**, much of Minnesota is substantially below its normal fall precipitation; and

**WHEREAS**, weather conditions continue to cause significant drying of forests, brushlands and grasslands of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, fuel conditions conducive to forest fire hazards exist in forest, brushland and grassland areas throughout the state such that fires start readily and spread quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, current conditions are stressing suppression resources to maintain adequate response levels such that they cannot also be relied on as contingency resources on prescribed burn projects; and

**WHEREAS**, dispersed and remote areas can hamper both early detection and fire suppression efforts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, including but not limited to *Minnesota Statutes*, Sections 88.10, 88.16, 88.17 and 88.22 that for the period commencing at 12:01 am, October 7, 2011 (midnight October 6th) the following limits to open burning are now in effect: For the entire state of Minnesota and continuing until revoked or further modified by order of the Commissioner, that:

1. No burning permits may be issued except for special exceptions issued by the county, state or federal agency having burning permit responsibilities.
2. Campfires or recreational fires are only allowed in a designated fire receptacle designed for such use, and must be associated with a residence, developed campground, or resort. In all cases there must be an adequate source of water for extinguishing the campfire.
3. No use of fireworks outside of municipalities; use of fireworks within municipalities remains under their control.

Approved by: May P. Miller Date signed: 10.6.11

Title: Asst. Commissioner