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Due to abnormally warm temperatures and several months of below normal precipitation, Mills County rural local jurisdictional areas are extremely dry. In the past few weeks area fire departments in Mills County as well as surrounding counties have responded to numerous grass and wildland type fires. This week Emergency Management polled the local fire department Chiefs of Mills County after several Departments inquired as to a burn ban in the County. All departments were in agreement to a ban and the ban was approved today by the State Fire Marshall in Des Moines.

Effective at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 2, 2012, all open burning will be banned within Mills County until further notice under Chapter 100 of the Iowa Code. An application to your local fire district chief can be obtained to allow a permit for an open burn if your local Fire Official believes it is safe to do so. After approval of permit, several County entities are informed to lessen the danger of false alarms.

This is a dangerous situation and we rely on the public to assist us in this ban. The conditions are currently favorable for a fast moving wildland fire that can destroy property and be life threatening if uncontrolled. If adequate moisture is received, a revocation of the ban will be considered by Mills County Fire Officials.

Thank you for assisting us in publication and notice of this ban.

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