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PRESS RELEASE

Elbert County Fire Chief's Association raises Burn Restriction to Stage II effective December 9th, 2009

On Wednesday, December 9th, 2009, the Elbert County Fire Chiefs Association recommended increasing the county wide burn ban for all unincorporated areas of Elbert County to a Stage II restriction level. This will remain in effect until further notice.

Under Stage II restrictions, **no open burning is allowed, the sale and use of fireworks and education rockets are prohibited.** The safe use of charcoal and gas grills are allowed and not affected by this ban. Violation of the burn restriction carries penalties for 1st time offenses of \$110.00 as set forth in the county **burn restriction ordinance 06-01**.

"Even with the snow, we have too much dead ground cover that burns very well," said John Hillmann, Big Sandy Fire Protection District Chief and Fire Chief Association Chairman.

For further information call the Elbert County Office of Emergency Management at 303.805.6131 or your local Fire Protection District.