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## Governor Reeves Lifts Partial Statewide Burn Ban; County Burn Bans Remain

**JACKSON, Miss.** – In consultation with the Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC), and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Governor Tate Reeves has lifted the partial statewide burn ban, effective November 16, 2023.

Due to the amount of rainfall received in parts of the state over the last week, the state has seen a decrease in wildfire activity. As a result of the rainfall, and the current weather forecast, the MFC requested for the burn ban to be lifted.

Despite the lifting of the partial state-level burn ban, there are 27 counties that will remain under burn bans, enacted by the respective Board of Supervisors, which include: Attala, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Clay, Grenada, Humphreys, Itawamba, Kemper, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Winston and Yalobusha. For the counties still under a burn ban, each Board of Supervisors will have the option to either lift their burn ban, allow it to expire on the predetermined deadline, or extend the ban.

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wildfire calls that burned approximately 21,919 acres throughout the state and were able to help save over 2,679 structures from damage or destruction. The extent of damage would have been higher without the ban in place.

For the most up-to-date list of counties still under a burn ban, visit [www.mfc.ms.gov/burn-bans](http://www.mfc.ms.gov/burn-bans). The MFC updates the list as counties extend or lift their burn bans. The public should continue to check to see if their county is still under a burn ban. Violators of burn bans can be held responsible for flame and smoke damage caused by a fire they set.

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