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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **EAST COUNTY BURN BAN EXPANDED**

*Effective Immediately*

*Recreational fires will be banned until further notice*

Due to current moisture levels, continued hot and dry weather conditions and other fire related factors, the Skamania County Fire Marshal is issuing a ban on all open burning, including recreational fires, in **East County only**, effective immediately.

**All open burning on private lands within East Skamania County is PROHIBITED, including recreational fires, until further notice.**

The communities affected are Cook, Mill-A, Willard, Underwood, and all private properties East of the dividing line that are under Skamania County jurisdiction. You can find the interactive map showing this dividing line [here](#).

Recreational fires on State and Federal lands are not regulated by Skamania County. Please call before you burn: 1-800-323-BURN or visit [burnportal.dnr.wa.gov](http://burnportal.dnr.wa.gov) for State lands burning information and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/giffordpinchot/fire> for Federal lands burning information.

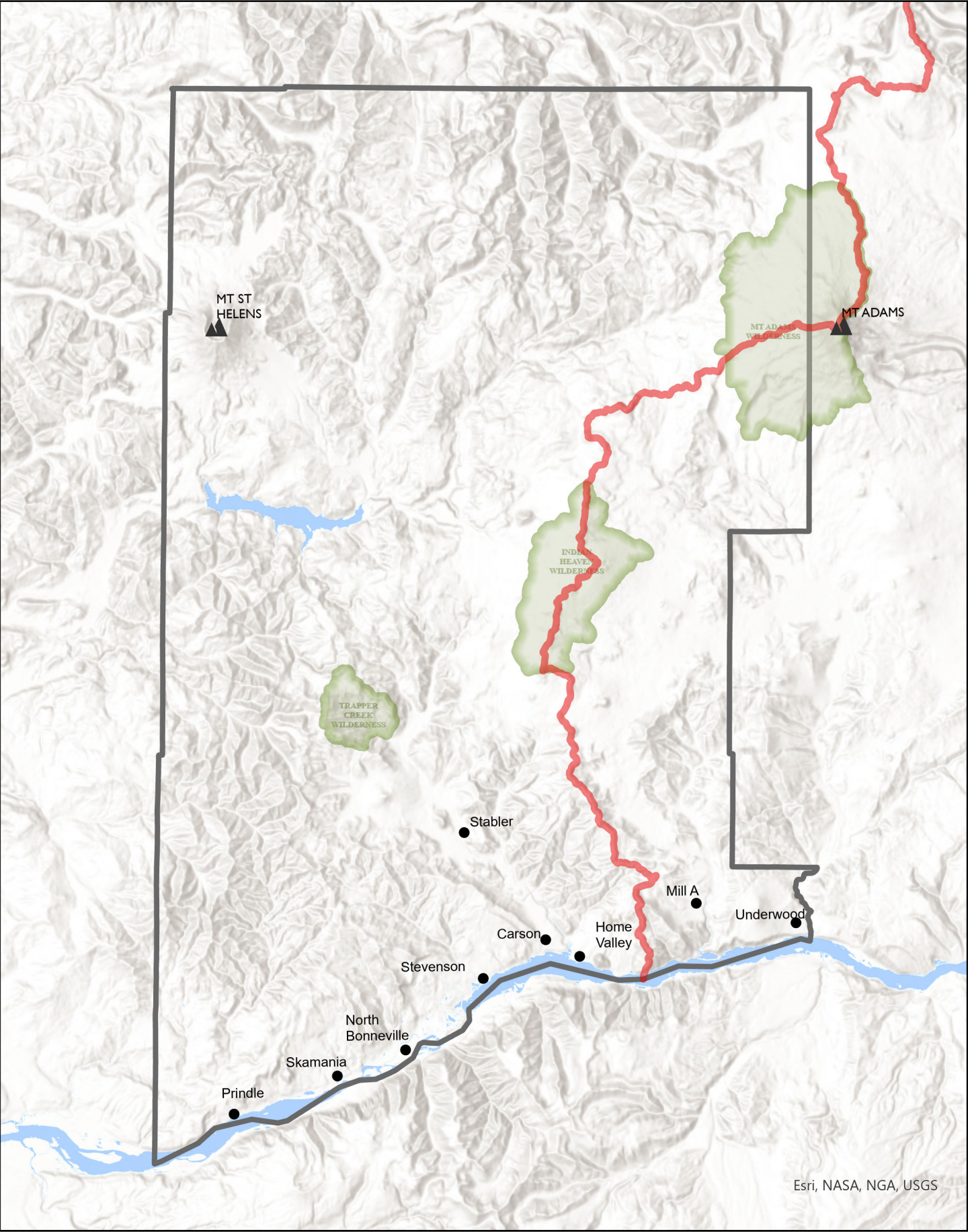
Making smart, informed decisions and burning responsibly is the best way to prevent wildfires. For burn ban updates and burning information please check all available resources including:

- ❖ [Skamania County Fire Marshal](#)
- ❖ [Washington State Department of Natural Resources](#)
- ❖ [Gifford Pinchot National Forest](#)
- ❖ [Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
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# East / West Line Dividing Skamania County





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### **SMALL DEBRIS BURN BAN**

Small debris burn permits will no longer be valid as of July 1, 2025, throughout Skamania County.

Fire danger season is upon us and to keep our community safe Skamania County implements burn restrictions as a tool to reduce human-caused wildfires during extremely hot and dry weather conditions.

**All small debris fires that are currently burning must be completely extinguished by 12:00am, Tuesday July 1, 2025.**

Recreational fires meeting the [Skamania County Minimum Fire Pit Standards](#) will continue to be permissible on Skamania County regulated lands but are subject to immediate closure as we move through fire season. Recreational fires on State and Federal lands are not regulated by Skamania County. Please call before you burn: 1-800-323-BURN or visit [burnportal.dnr.wa.gov](http://burnportal.dnr.wa.gov) for State lands burning information and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/giffordpinchot/fire> for Federal lands burning information.

Please be sure recreational fires are completely extinguished before leaving them unattended. Making smart, informed decisions and burning responsibly is the best way to prevent wildfires.

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