

MEDIA RELEASE

LYCOMING COUNTY, PA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

For Additional Information Contact:
John D. Yingling at 570-329-4061

Subject: Risk of Forest and Brush Fires - Lycoming County

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 8, 2014 / 8:00 a.m.

1. The Lycoming County Commissioners and the Lycoming County Department of Public Safety are asking all residents and visitors to be extremely careful with ANY outdoor burning. As the weather becomes more “Spring-like”, many residents will begin yard and garden preparation activities and thousands of fishermen will be along the waterways to participate in the annual trout season opening day on April 12. Despite recent rainfall, the risk of a brush or forest fire still exists. “The County Commissioners are asking all County residents and visitors to use common sense and be mindful of weather conditions when considering the burning of yard debris or lighting a cooking/camp fire.” stated Lycoming County Commissioner Jeff Wheeland.
2. Should your weekend plans involve an outdoor cookout or campfire, please observe the following guidelines:
 - For campfires, burn only in a fire ring or other device to contain the campfire.
 - Always ensure the fire is completely extinguished prior to leaving the area, don’t forget to stir the coals and soak the area with water.
 - Never leave a fire unattended.
3. Please follow all local regulations and ordinances concerning outdoor burning.

- ##-