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**To:** Jarred Thomas; John Sneed; County Judge  
**Subject:** Burn Ban request

Gentlemen,

The current drought conditions have begun to worsen and this November is the driest since the late 1800's according to the weather service. I have spoken to fire chiefs on both the West and East sides of the county and they request a burn ban be put in place. The current KBDI average as of today is 548 and will exceed the drought level of 575 into the next several days. The Texas A&M Forest Service 14 day outlook has Williamson at 578. The Williamson County Fire Chiefs Association would like to request the Commissioners Court to consider a 30 day burn ban and consider cancellation of fireworks that have sticks and fins during the New Year's Holiday. Several counties in the State of Texas are under Disaster Proclamation for drought conditions and see the conditions in Williamsons County quickly moving to match those counties.

While wildfire conditions worsen so do the conditions on the availability of water supplies to certain areas and communities making this threat worse every day. Please consider the request for a 30 day burn ban and the ongoing reevaluation for renew the burn ban until conditions improve.

Thank you,

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