



FROM THE AIR PROGRAM

BURN SEASON IS UPON US!

As many of you know, the Bishop Tribe’s Air Program provides burn permits to Tribal members. These permits are valid for a calendar year and expire on December 31st. If you have not renewed your burn permit yet for 2017, stop by the



Environmental Management Office or call the Air Quality Specialist at 760 873 7845.

THE RULES FOR BURNING ARE

-  you must have a burn permit
-  it must be a “yes” burn day as per Interagency
-  burning may occur only from 5:00AM to noon
-  burning is restricted to yard waste in 4-foot by 4-foot piles
-  small plots of grass or strips of grass along fence lines
-  cardboard and non-glossy paper in burn barrels
-  call dispatch before you burn

WHERE DO THESE REGULATIONS COME FROM?...

The short answer is that they are to protect health and safety... and the long answer?

5:00AM until NOON: in the Owens Valley, the winds typically pick up in the afternoon, making it possible for even a small fire to get out of control.

IN THE WINTER: we have “no” burn days when the barometric pressure is high. These are cold, clear days with stable air. You can identify them by looking out your window. The smoke from your neighbor’s woodstove will be streaming out horizontally, hanging around for you to breathe. So “no” burn days help to keep the air cleaner and healthier.

IN THE SUMMER: why do we have so many “no” burn days in a row? At this time of year the reason is fire safety. When fuel moisture gets dangerously low, even the smallest spark can ignite a large fire that will spread rapidly. The Tribe follows Bishop Fire Department and Cal Fire (Interagency) burn days.

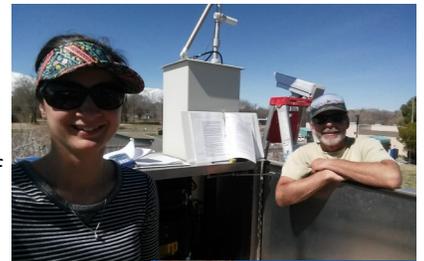
THE RULES FOR OPEN BURNING ARE FOR YOUR SAFETY. HELP PROTECT AIR QUALITY AND BE FIRE SAFE!

HANDS ON— HELPING AND LEARNING

The Air Quality people in the Owens Valley and neighboring areas often help each other with monitor maintenance tasks. Some things are much easier with 2 heads



and 2 pairs of hands! It is also beneficial to share experiences of what happens at detailed levels of operation of the instruments. Many tribes, including Bishop Paiute, and air districts, including GBUAPCD, make their data available for public sharing online. Air Quality Specialists also attend special trainings with hands-on instrumentation learning opportunities. *Clockwise from left: field monitoring at Ft Independence; the*



Bishop Tribal PM2.5 monitor; Yerington Paiute air staff and monitor; a monitoring class at the Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center in Las Vegas.

