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**Subject:** New woodstove regulations

Here is a picture of exactly what I am talking about. There are three slash piles that have been burning since yesterday, when there is an inversion (the smoke is obviously laying in the valley and not being cleared out). This type of burning is unnecessary and is creating more airborne particulate matter than all of the woodstoves in Potomac combined. How about approaching this landowner and telling him to wait until there is better air quality, or better yet, chip the material and leave it for natural mulch? THIS is the problem that is creating all of the smoke in the valley, not a few woodstoves cleanly burning some wood for heat; this is the unnecessary creation of a bunch of airborne particulate matter that goes against the total (or average, or however you are figuring it) amount that we are going to be expected to comply with. Please forward this on to the Air Advisory board members at their next meeting. I am also confused as to how this is allowed? When I burn, I am told by the fire chief that I must call first to determine if I am allowed to burn, and then I must commence burning by 8:00 AM and be completed by 4:00 PM. How is it that slash burning is allowed to smolder and create a health hazard for days on end??? I have also included my previous email that was I never received a response to, please review and respond.

Thank you

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