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For Immediate Release

Smoke from Matt's Creek Fire

10:00AM November 16, 2023

Amherst County is being impacted by the smoke from the “Matt’s Creek Fire” located in the Jefferson National Forest (Bedford County).

Our 911 Dispatch Center is being overwhelmed with callers reporting smoke. We ask that you not call 911, unless you believe there is an active fire that has not been reported, or if you see flames.

Amherst County Public Safety, Amherst County Public Schools, local volunteer fire departments, and Amherst County Administration are actively working with the US Forest Service, Air Resource Advisors assigned to the Matt’s Creek Fire, and other critical partners to make decisions to keep our community safe.

As a reminder, a burn ban remains in place until such a time that conditions improve with substantial rain and favorable atmospheric conditions.

Please direct questions to:

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