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ASHEVILLE, N.C.—After several weeks of rain and Tuesday’s snow in the mountains, U. S. Forest Service officials are lifting the campfire ban in the National Forests in North Carolina.

“Although the burning ban is lifted today, people still need to practice caution when building campfires in the national forests,” said Diane Bolt, fire planner for the National Forests in North Carolina.

Even with December’s heavy rainfall, the National Forests in North Carolina are still in drought conditions.

“We will continue to monitor weather conditions and may have to reinstate the national forest burning ban if this wet weather pattern ceases,” said the fire planner.

A statewide burning ban in national forests took affect in August. The ban included all campfires. The only fires excluded were those set in fire

pits, grills or fire rings in Forest Service established campgrounds or picnic areas.