

WARREN COUNTY NEW YORK



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Warren County Fire Coordinator Brian LaFlure urged the public Thursday to be particularly careful with open fires as wildfire danger increases amid dry conditions.

Warren County firefighters dealt with a forest fire in Thurman and a brush fire in Hadley on Tuesday, fires that were aided by the conditions.

The region's wildfire danger was considered "moderate" as of Thursday, as a month-long dry spell is expected to continue until early next week.

The public should ensure that any fires, such as campfires or bonfires, are closely monitored and fully extinguished to prevent them from spreading. Falling leaves and dry tinder allow fires to spread quickly during cooler days with less humidity in the air.

While wildfires generally aren't a major threat in the Southern Adirondacks, they seasonally endanger, and sometimes damage, structures around the region.

LaFlure said these fires also require a large amount of volunteer firefighter and state forest ranger response, and can lead to injuries.

"People need to be aware of the dangerous conditions we have right now," LaFlure said.

For more information, contact LaFlure at 518-761-6537.