

Agency procedures for forecasting and issuing air quality advisories and burn bans

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Several types of forecasts

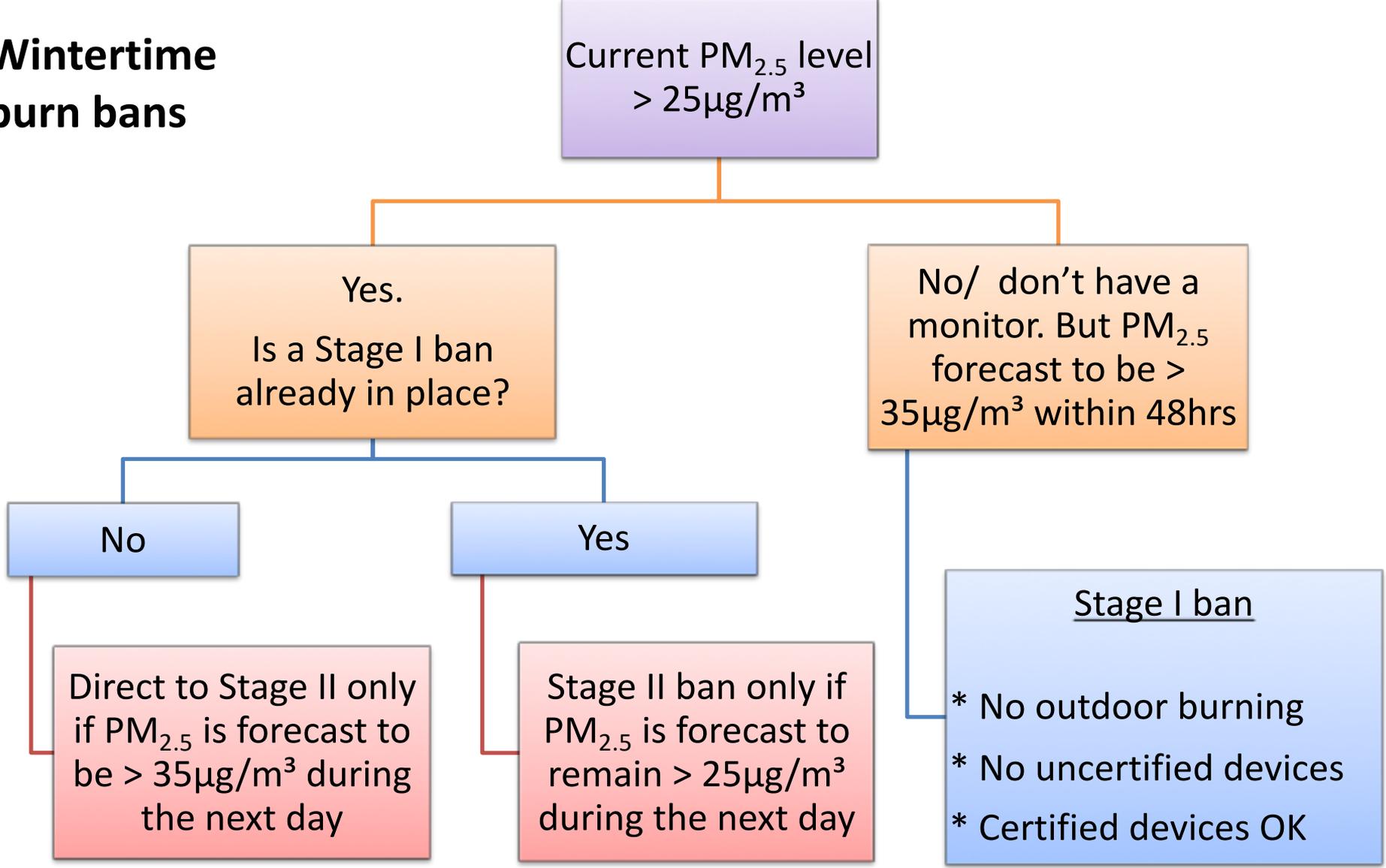
Type of advisory/ restriction	Issued by	Dissemination method
Ag and outdoor burns (WAC 173-430)	ECY ERO and CRO, LAAs	State listservs, burn voicemail
Wintertime burn bans (RCW 70.94.473)	ECY HQ, LAAs	WA-health-burn-bans listserv
Windblown dust	ECY HQ	ECY blog, media release
Ozone	ECY HQ, some LAAs	Media releases, ECY blog, ozonematters.com, Tri Cities listserv
Wildfire smoke	Everyone	WA smoke blog + many more

NWS office can issue an
Air Quality Alert
if requested

FYI: Air Stagnation Advisories are different NWS products, based on meteorology only

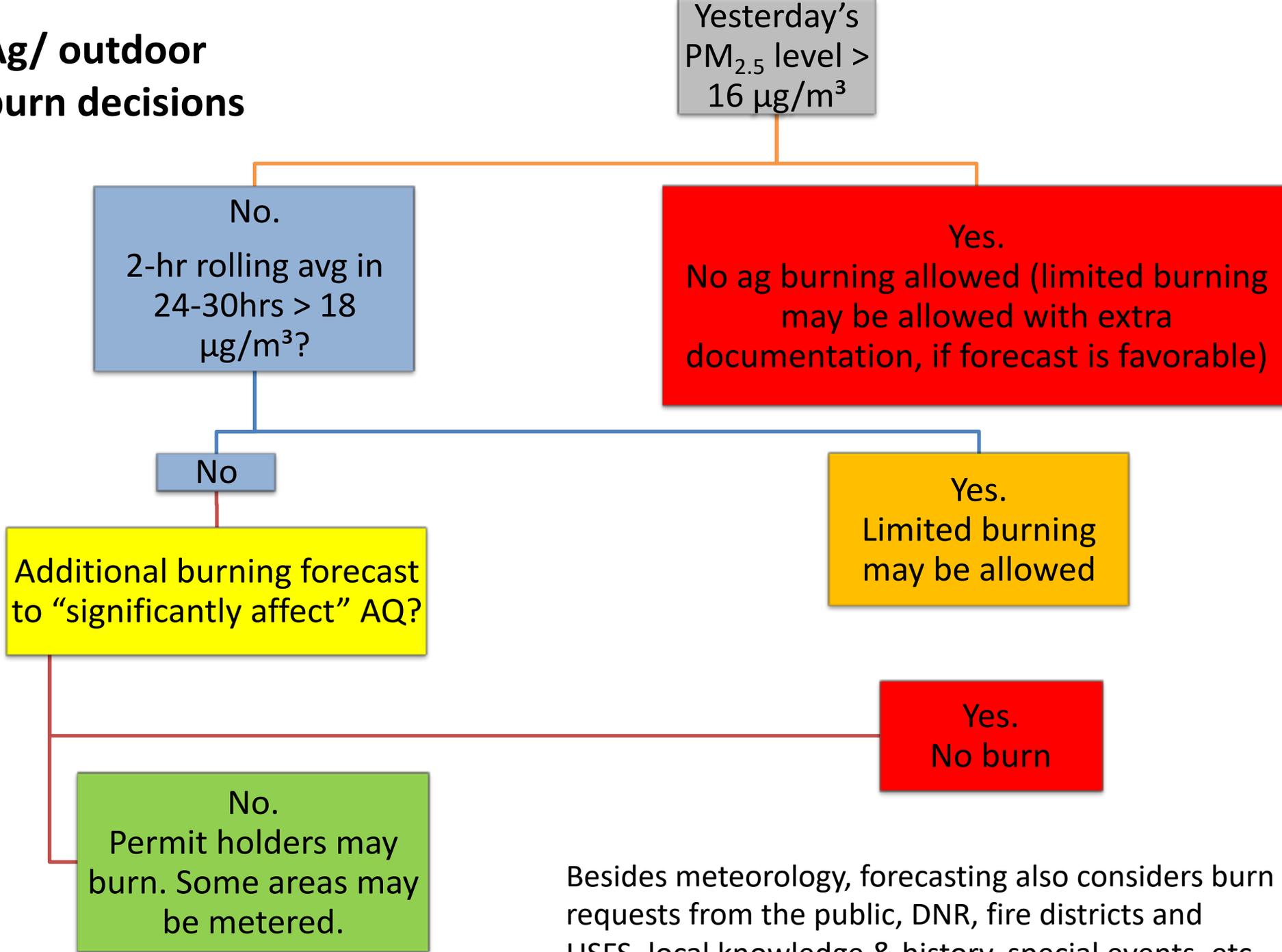


Wintertime burn bans



- All burning shuts down during Stage II Bans.
- People using wood as their only adequate source of heat can continue to burn during a SI or SII ban.

Ag/ outdoor burn decisions



Besides meteorology, forecasting also considers burn requests from the public, DNR, fire districts and USFS, local knowledge & history, special events, etc.