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Heatwave and Drought: Joint Appeal for Vigilance and Responsibility During Summer Barbecues

Due to the current summer weather conditions, marked by high temperatures and a prolonged lack of rain, the Municipality of Lac de la Haute-Sûre and the Municipality of Boulaide wish to jointly raise awareness among their residents and visitors regarding the vulnerability of our natural environment. As the vegetation is particularly dry, the risk of fire outbreak is high.

Both municipal administrations call upon everyone's civic duty and highlight essential best practices to share convivial moments in total safety.

Recommendations for Barbecues:

- **Prioritize Safe Areas:** It is strongly advised to limit the use of barbecues to terraces and hard surfaces on private property, well away from dry lawns, hedges, and trees. Regarding public areas, it is highly recommended to use permanently installed fixed barbecues.
- **Secure the Fire:** Always keep a quick extinguishing method within reach (a bucket of water, a garden hose, or a fire extinguisher) from the beginning to the very end of cooking.
- **Constant Supervision:** Never leave a barbecue or an active fire unattended, even for a short moment. Active supervision by an adult is mandatory.

It is reminded that lighting a fire directly on the ground of beaches and shores is strictly prohibited.

- **Ashes:** Please discard ashes in the appropriate designated bins. Never throw ashes, even cold, into nature.

Special bins are available on the "beaches" around the Lac de la Haute-Sûre.

Best Everyday Practices:

- **Cigarette Butts:** Never throw cigarette butts into nature or out of your vehicle window. Use a portable ashtray.
- **Parking:** Avoid parking on tall or dry grass; the heat from the exhaust pipe can be enough to ignite the ground.
- **Responsiveness:** If you observe unusual smoke or a starting fire, take immediate action and contact emergency services by dialing **112**.

Compliance with these rules contributes to the safety of all, the protection of nature, and an enjoyable and responsible community life.

The coexistence of different regulatory frameworks among the municipalities around the lake emphasizes the importance of regional coordination. This is crucial to ensure consistent measures, harmonized communication, and clear information for users. In this context, an in-depth analysis of the legal scope of the respective competences and responsibilities of the various stakeholders should be conducted within the Commission Uewersauer Stauséi. This commission serves as the preferred forum for consultation to seek a common approach, while respecting the specific competences of each authority.

The College of Mayor and Aldermen (*Collège des bourgmestre et échevins*) of both municipalities warmly thanks residents and tourists for their caution, goodwill, and contribution to the preservation of our landscapes.