



Forest and Prairie Protection Act
RSA 2000, c.F-19

MINISTERIAL ORDER

025/2016

FIRE CONTROL ORDER

1. I, Darren Tapp, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of the Forestry Division, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to section 21 of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* (the "Act"),
HEREBY:

- a. SUSPEND all fire permits issued under the Act,
- b. REQUIRE all outdoor fires presently burning, whether set under the authority of a fire permit or not, extinguished, and
- c. PROHIBIT the lighting of outdoor fires

within all of Fire Control Zones 1 – 3, inclusive, as established in the Fire Control Zone Regulation, being Alberta Regulation 29/2005, except for land within the boundaries of any city, town or village (including a summer village) and any land owned by the Government of Canada in respect of which the Minister responsible for the administration of the Act has not entered into a fire control agreement under section 6(b) of the Act.

2. For greater certainty, but without limiting the generality of the prohibitions set out in section 1, this Order prohibits the use of:
 - a. Wood campfires in the backcountry or random camping areas
 - b. Charcoal briquettes
 - c. Turkey fryers
 - d. Tiki torches
 - e. Fireworks

3. A forest officer may in writing, and on a case by case basis:

- a. Reinstate a fire permit previously issued under the Act that was suspended pursuant to section 1 of this Order; or
- b. Authorize the lighting of an outdoor fire that would otherwise be prohibited pursuant to section 1 of this Order,

in which case the suspension or prohibition referred to in section 1 of this Order will not be applicable to that specific fire permit or outdoor fire. Such reinstatement or authorization may be revoked by further Ministerial Order or by further notice in writing from a forest officer.

4. This Order does not apply to:

- a. Portable propane fire pits, that are CSA approved or UL certified, within campgrounds, backcountry and random camping areas.
- b. Gas or propane stoves and barbeques, that are CSA approved or UL certified and are designed for cooking or heating, within campgrounds, backcountry and random camping areas.
- c. Catalytic, or infrared style heaters, within campgrounds, backcountry and random camp areas.
- d. Wood burning campfires in engineered facilities in designated campgrounds.
- e. Fires contained in industrial facilities or on industrial sites as approved by a forest officer.

5. This Order comes into effect at 12:00 o'clock noon on the 29th day of June, 2016.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 29th day of June, 2016.

Original signed by: _____
Darren Tapp
Assistant Deputy Minister (Acting)
Forestry Division
Agriculture and Forestry