



ALBERTA
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake*

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

MINISTERIAL ORDER

010/2020

PROHIBITION OF OPERATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

WHEREAS section 14 of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* (the "Act") empowers the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry to, by order, prohibit the operation of equipment or off-highway vehicles on any land where the Minister considers that a fire hazard or a burning hazard warrants the prohibition.

AND WHEREAS I have made Ministerial Order 007/2020, which prohibits the operation of any off-highway vehicle for recreational purposes.

AND WHEREAS while I continue to consider that a fire or burning hazard warrants a prohibition on the operation of off-highway vehicles in the Province, I recognize that specific local conditions, such as spring snow cover and moisture levels, in different parts of the Province may warrant variations in the restrictions imposed on the operation of off-highway vehicles.

I, Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry hereby amend and restate Ministerial Order 007/2020 as follows:

1. The operation of any off-highway vehicle, for recreational purposes, is prohibited. This prohibition is effective, with respect to any Fire Control Zone or part thereof, in accordance with section 5 of this Order.
2. This Order applies to the following Fire Control Zones:
 - a. All of Fire Control Zones 1 - 46, inclusive.

3. This Order does not apply to the use of any off-highway vehicle:
 - a. On private lands;
 - b. By any individual when exercising a right recognized and affirmed under Part II of the Constitution Act, 1982 or a right under section 12 of the Natural Resources Transfer Agreement or when travelling to or from a location to exercise such a right; or
 - c. By any individual holding a valid 2020 hunting licence for black bear only while that individual is hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit with an open season for black bear, or when travelling to or from such a Wildlife Management Unit for the purpose of hunting black bear.

4. In this Order,
 - a. a Fire Control Zone refers to the corresponding numbered Fire Control Zone established in the Fire Control Regulation (Alberta Regulation 29/2005);
 - b. a Wildlife Management Unit refers to a Wildlife Management Unit established in the Wildlife Regulation (Alberta Regulation 143/97); and
 - c. "licence" and "open season" have the meanings given to them in the *Wildlife Act*, RSA 2000, c. W-10.

5. The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Forestry Division, Agriculture and Forestry, having been delegated my powers, duties and functions under section 14 of the Act, is expressly authorized to establish the effective date and duration of the prohibition set out in section 1 with respect to each Fire Control Zone or portion thereof based on the fire hazard or burning hazard in each particular Fire Control Zone.

6. This Order is made pursuant to section 14(1) of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*.

7. For clarity, the effective date of the prohibition set out in Ministerial Order 007/2020 is repealed.

DATED this 17 day of April, 2020.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Honourable Devin Dreeshen
Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry