

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

**MINISTERIAL ORDER**

014/2019

**FIRE CONTROL ORDER**

I, Bruce Mayer, Assistant Deputy Minister of Forestry Division, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry make the following Order pursuant to the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* (the "Act"):

1. Pursuant to section 21 of the Act I 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, be extinguished; and
  - c. PROHIBIT the lighting of outdoor fires

on all land, including privately owned land, within those Fire Control Zones listed in section 2.
2. This Order applies to the following Fire Control Zones:
  - a. Fire Control Zones 27- 38, inclusive, and
  - b. Fire Control Zones 42, 43, and 46.
3. Without limiting section 1, this Order expressly prohibits the use of each of the following:
  - a. Wood fires in the backcountry;
  - b. Wood fires in random camping areas;
  - c. Wood fires in engineered facilities in campgrounds;

- d. Wood fires on residential properties;
  - e. Fires using charcoal briquettes;
  - f. Turkey fryers; and
  - g. Tiki torches.
4. Pursuant to section 8 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Regulation (the "Regulation"), this order expressly prohibits the use of:
- a. Fireworks; and
  - b. Exploding targets

and, as a forest officer for the purposes of section 8 of the Regulation, I hereby revoke any written permission permitting the use of fireworks or exploding targets that had been granted prior to this Order coming into effect.

5. Notwithstanding sections 1 and 3 a forest officer may in writing:
- 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 or 3 of this Order.
6. Any reinstatement or authorization under section 5 of this Order may be revoked at any time by further Ministerial Order or by notice in writing from a forest officer.
7. Sections 1 and 3 of this Order do not apply to:
- a. Portable propane fire pits, that are CSA approved or UL certified, within campgrounds, backcountry areas, random camping areas, and on private land;
  - b. Gas or propane stoves and barbeques, that are CSA approved or UL certified and are designed for cooking or heating, within campgrounds, backcountry areas, random camping areas, and on private land;
  - c. Catalytic or infrared style heaters within campgrounds, backcountry areas, random camping areas, and on private land; and
  - d. Fires contained in industrial facilities or on industrial sites that have been approved by a forest officer.
8. In this Order, a Fire Control Zone refers to the corresponding numbered Fire Control Zone established in the Fire Control Regulation (Alberta Regulation 29/2005).
9. This Order does not apply to:
- a. Land within the boundaries of any urban municipality, as defined in the Act; and
  - b. 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.

10. Ministerial Orders 010/2019 and 012/2019 are repealed.

THIS ORDER comes into effect at 16:00 on June 4, 2019.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Bruce Mayer  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Forestry Division  
Agriculture and Forestry

