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

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

MINISTERIAL ORDER

028/2021

FIRE CONTROL ORDER

FIRE BAN

I, Bruce Mayer, Assistant Deputy Minister of Forestry Division, 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 fireson 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 1-5 inclusive; and
 - b. All parts of Fire Control Zones 6 and 7 that lie south of the Red Deer River.
3. Without limiting section 1, this Order expressly prohibits the use of each of the following:
 - a. Wood fires on public land, including, but not limited to, backcountry and random camping areas;
 - b. Wood fires in fire rings or other purpose-built permanent devices designed for containing campfires within designated campgrounds on public land and private campgrounds;
 - c. Wood fires on private land, including backyard fire pits; and
 - d. Fires using charcoal briquettes.

4. Pursuant to section 8 of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Regulation* (the “Regulation”), this Order expressly prohibits the use of each of the following:
 - 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 of this Order 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;
 - b. Gas or liquid fuel cooking devices that are CSA approved or UL certified and are designed exclusively for cooking or heating;
 - c. Catalytic or infrared style heaters that are CSA approved or UL certified; 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 Order 026/2021 is repealed.

THIS ORDER comes into effect at 10:00 on August 12, 2021.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2021.

Original Signed By _____

Bruce Mayer
Assistant Deputy Minister
Forestry Division
Agriculture and Forestry

