

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

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

MINISTERIAL ORDER

020/2017

FIRE CONTROL ORDER

1. I, Bruce Mayer, Assistant Deputy Minister of 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, be extinguished, and
 - c. PROHIBIT the lighting of outdoor fires

within all of Fire Control Zones 1 – 3 inclusive, as such Fire Control Zones are defined in the Fire Control Zone Regulation, being Alberta Regulation 29/2005.
2. This Order does not apply to land within the boundaries of any urban municipality, as defined in the Act, 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.
3. Without limiting the generality of section 1, this Order expressly prohibits the use of each of the following:
 - a. Wood fires in the backcountry or random camping areas
 - b. Charcoal briquettes
 - c. Turkey fryers
 - d. Tiki torches
 - e. Fireworks
 - f. Exploding targets

4. 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.
5. Any reinstatement or authorization under section 4 of this Order may be revoked at any time by further Ministerial Order or by notice in writing from a forest officer.
6. 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 that have been approved by a forest officer.
7. Ministerial Order 019/2017, Fire Control Order, is hereby revoked.
8. This Order comes into effect at 16:00 o'clock on the 11th day of July, 2017.

ORDERED this 11th day of July, 2017.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Bruce Mayer
Assistant Deputy Minister
Forestry Division
Agriculture and Forestry