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**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY**

No. 562

23 May 2008

**PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF GROUND COVER, INCLUDING SLASH, THE CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING OR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCKBURNS: KWAZULU NATAL**

I, Moshibudi Rampedi, in my capacity as the Acting Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, hereby declare in terms of section 25 (1), (2) and (3) of the Forest Act, 1984 (Act No. 122 of 1984), that in my opinion State Forests in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedules A and B hereto are subject to an extraordinary fire hazard, I therefore-

- (1) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the periods indicated in the Schedule, no person shall **make a fire in the open air**, or, if such a fire has been made, allow it to continue to burn or add fuel thereto, otherwise than
  - (a) fires made within a demarcated picnic or camping area or caravan park, or holiday resorts, but only at places within such an area which have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose: provided that such fires are properly extinguished with water and/or sand;
  - (b) fires for the preparation of food on residential stands which are properly protected against fire;
  - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships which are properly protected against fire and;
  - (d) fires to facilitate the harvesting of sugarcane, which is to be allowed from 18:00 on Fridays to 07:00 on Saturdays in the Zululand Interior Areas, 08:00 in the Northern Natal and Zululand Coastal Areas and 10:00 in the Natal Midlands Areas, as well as, 17:00 on Sundays to 06:00 on Mondays;
- (2) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the periods indicated in the Schedule, no person shall **destroy any ground cover**, including any slash or harvest residue by burning other than maize harvest residue, which may be destroyed from 14:00 to 24:00 daily, except from 18:00 on Fridays to 14:00 on Mondays, subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); and in compliance with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998);
- (3) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the periods indicated in the Schedule, the **clearing or maintenance of fire belts** by burning is prohibited;
- (4) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the periods indicated in the Schedule, the **execution of block burns** including the burning of veld, may not take place from 12:00 for Zululand Interior Areas and 18:00 for Northern Natal and Natal Midlands on Fridays to 06:00 on Mondays, subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); and in compliance with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998).

These prohibitions or part thereof as well as the period(s) of validity can be lifted or amended by the Regional Director, where and/or when circumstances permit, subject to review by the local/nearest Fire Protection Association.



**Moshibudi Rampedi**  
**Acting Director – General**

Date: 14-05-08

Magisterial district	Making fires in the open air From to	Burning of ground cover From to	Burning of maize harvest residue Permitted From to	Clearing of firebelts From to	Execution of block burns From to
<b>Zululand: Interior areas</b>					
Babanango	08-07-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	-	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Eshowe	08-07-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	-	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Mtonjaneni	08-07-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	-	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
<b>Northern Natal</b>					
Black Mfolozi	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Blood River	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Enyati	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Hlobane	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Lenjane	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Lowsberg	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Ngome	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Paulpietersburg	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Scheepersnek	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Utrecht	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Vryheid	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
White Mfolozi	08-06-01 to 08-11-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
<b>Zululand: Coastal areas</b>					
Hlabisa	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	-	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30
Lower Umfolozi	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	-	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30
Mthunzini	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	-	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30
<b>Natal Midlands</b>					
Alfred	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Bergville	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Camperdown	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Estcourt	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Ixopo	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Kranskop	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31

Lions River	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Lower Tugela	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Mooi River	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Impendle	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Mt Currie	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Newcastle	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
New Hanover	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Pietermaritzburg	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Polela	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Richmond	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Umvoti	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31
Underberg	08-05-01 to 08-11-30	08-06-01 to 08-10-31	08-07-01 to 08-09-30	08-08-01 to 08-09-30	08-07-01 to 08-10-31