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PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCKBURNS: DISTRICTS OF NELSPRUIT, WHITE RIVER, PILGRIM'S REST, LYDENBURG, BELFAST, WATERVAL-BOVEN, CAROLINA AND BARBERTON

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 said areas, no person shall from **1 June 2008 up to and including 31 October 2008**, 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;
 - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
 - (d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields: provided that such fires may be made from 15:00 to 24:00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14:00 for the fire region, as determined by the **Forest Fire Association**, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and a day before a public holiday, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulation 12 of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area and where applicable, a **burning permit must be obtained from the local fire protection association.**
 - (e) fires made for initiation school purposes, but only at places, which have been specially prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- (2) hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from **1 June 2008 up to and including 31 October 2008**, destroy by burning slash originating from any timber plantation or self-sown exotic trees unless in the possession of a burning permit;
- (3) hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from **1 June 2008 up to and including 31 October 2008**, destroy by burning of harvest residue, cultivated crop fields and veld, clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: provided that such fires may be made from 15:00 to 24:00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index at 14:00 for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays and the day before a Public Holiday when no burning may be undertaken, subject to the directions in terms of regulation 12 of the Regulations promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with the local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area and where applicable, a burning permit must be obtained from the local fire protection association.
- (4) **hereby direct that in areas where fire protection associations exist and are registered with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry in terms of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, No 101 of 1998, but such areas not falling within the boundaries stipulated in Schedules A and B, provisions (1), (2) and (3) above will apply to cover the entire boundaries of the registered associations.**



Moshibudi Rampedi
Acting Director – General

Date: 14-05-08

SCHEDULE A**SOUTHERN BOUNDARY**

From the point where the Machadodorp/Waterval-Boven Road (N4) intersects the southern boundary of the property Schoongezicht 347 JT; thence in a generally easterly and southerly direction along the Waterval-Boven/Belfast District border to the point where this border intersects the Badplaas/Machadodorp Road at the northern boundary of the property Uitkomst 390 JT; thence along this road in a generally easterly and southerly direction to the junction of the Badplaas/Machadodorp and Barberton/Badplaas Road on the property Kees Zyn Doorns 708 JT; thence in a generally easterly direction along the Badplaas/Barberton Road to where the last mentioned road intersects the Carolina/Barberton Magisterial District boundary; thence first in a southerly and then in a generally easterly direction along the Carolina/Barberton Magisterial District boundary to the Swaziland border; thence in a generally easterly direction along the Swaziland border to the Matsamo border post.

EASTERN BOUNDARY

From the Matsamo border post in a northerly direction along the Jeppe's Reef/Malelane Road to where last mentioned intersects the northern boundary of the farm Schoemansdal 333 JU; from there west along the northern boundary of the farm to Fourieskraal 267 JU; from there along the southern boundaries of Amo 259 JU and Sherlock 641 JU, then along the eastern and northern boundaries of Sherlock 461 JU and from there westwards along the boundary of Amo 259 JU and then south along the same farm boundary; from there along the northern boundary of Fourieskraal 276 JU, Igwalagwa 269 JU, Mac Mac 264 JU, Alberts Home 766 JU, Holnek 331 JU, Waaiehuwel 360 JU, State Land, Lancaster 359 JU and Eureka 366 JU; from there the boundary follows the Kaapmuiden/Barberton Road until the junction with the R40 (Barberton/Nelspruit); from there along the Barberton/Nelspruit Road up to Nelspruit along the Nelspruit/White River Road up to the intersection with northern boundary of Friedenheim 282 following the northern and eastern boundary of same property, then the southern boundary of Vergenoeg 124 up to Road 538 in a southerly direction up to the junction with the Nelspruit/Kanyamazane Road following this road in an easterly direction until its junction with the N4; following the N4 up to the crossing with the Crocodile River; then following the Crocodile River up to the railway line from where it swings north along the railway line and the boundary of the Kruger National Park up to the Sabie River; then along the river in a westerly direction to the Hazyview/Bushbuckridge Road and along last mentioned road northwards to where it intersects the northern boundary of the property Injaka 267 KU.

NORTHERN BOUNDARY

From the point where the Hazyview/Bushbuckridge Road intersects the northern boundary of the property Injaka 267 KU, along the boundaries of the following properties so as to include them in the area; Injaka 267 KU, Wales 250 KU, Onverwacht 501 KT, Vooruitzicht 499 KT, Welgevonden 465 KT, Hebron 461 KT, Salique 247 KT, Glenlyden 424 KT, Blyde Rivier Poort 416 KT, Diepkloof 415 KT, Steenveld 229 KT, Rietvley 413 KT, Klipfonteinhoek 407 KT and Branddraai 409 KT to where the Ohrigstad/Tzaneen Road intersects the northern boundary of the last mentioned property so that Rietvley 413 KT, Branddraai 409 KT and the portion of Klipfonteinhoek 407 KT situated to the east of the said road is included in the area.

WESTERN BOUNDARY

From the point where the Machadodorp/Waterval-Boven Road intersects the southern boundary of the property Schoongezicht 347 JT; thence along the southern and western boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in the area; Schoongezicht 347 JT, Farrefontein 349 JT, Viakfontein 325 JT, Wachteenbeetjieshoek 327 JT, Wilgekraal 141 JT and Doornhoek 143 JT to a point where the last mentioned property's north-eastern boundary intersects the Machadodorp/Lydenburg/Tzaneen Road through Lydenburg and Ohrigstad to that point where this road crosses the northern boundary of the property Klipfonteinhoek 407 KT.