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

I, Arnold Michael Muller in my capacity as 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 or private forests in the areas indicated in the Schedule hereto, are subject to an extraordinary fire hazard. I therefore-

1. direct that in the areas and during the said periods indicated in the Schedule no person shall from 12:00 for Zululand Interior Areas and 18:00 for Northern Natal, Natal Midlands and Zululand Coastal Areas on Fridays to 06:00 on Mondays 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 resort, but only at places within such a demarcated area as have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose;
  - b) fires for the preparation of food on residential stands which are adequately protected against fire;
  - c) fires made on a residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships; and
  - d) fires to facilitate the harvesting of sugarcane, which is to be allowed from 18:00 on Fridays to Saturdays 07:00 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 area mentioned and during the period 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 Friday to 14:00 on Mondays subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1993 (Act No. 43 of 1993);
3. direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period 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 period indicated in the Schedule, the execution of blockturns including the burning 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 Agriculture Resources Act, 1993 (Act No. 43 of 1993), and in consultation with local interest parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread.

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



**Arnold Michael Muller**  
Director-General

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
Zululand: Interior areas					
Babanango	03-07-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	-	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Eshowe	03-07-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	-	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Mtonjaneni	03-07-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	-	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Northern Natal					
Black Mfolozi	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Blood River	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Enyati	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Hlobane	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Lenjane	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Lowsberg	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Ngome	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Paulpietersburg	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Scheepersnek	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Utrecht	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Vryheid	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
White Mfolozi	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Zululand: Coastal areas					
Hlabisa	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	-	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30
Lower Umfolozi	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	-	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30
Mtunzini	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	-	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30
Natal Midlands					
Alfred	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Bergville	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Camperdown	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Estcourt	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Ixopo	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Kranskop	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31

Lions River	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Lower Tugela	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Mooi River	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Ipendle	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Mt Currie	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Newcastle	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
New Hanover	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Pietermaritzburg	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Polela	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Richmond	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Umvoti	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31
Underberg	03-06-01 to 03-11-30	03-06-01 to 03-10-31	03-07-01 to 03-09-30	03-08-01 to 03-09-30	03-07-01 to 03-10-31