

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY
DEPARTEMENT VAN WATERWESE EN BOSBOU**

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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
BLOCK-BURNS**

MOPANE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
(FORMELY LETABA AND PIETERSBURG DISTRICTS)

I, Arnold Michael Muller in my capacity as the 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 Schedule A hereto are subject to an extraordinary fire hazards, I therefore-

- (1) direct that in the said areas, no person shall from **1 August 2003 up to and including 31 October 2003** make a fire in the open air, or, if such a fire has been made, allow it 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, 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;
 - (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 August 2003 up to and including 31 October 2003** destroy by burning slash originating from any timber plantation or self-sown exotic trees;
- (3) hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from **1 August 2003 up to and including 31 October 2003** clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: Provided that veld for range land management may be burnt 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 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.


Arnold Michael Muller
Director-General

SCHEDULE B – MOPANE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN
MOPANE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE
FOR 2003.**

Beginning at the northern corner of the farm Wagendrift 383LT, on the Koedoes River, then heading south-west along the Koedoes River so as to include the following farms: Wagendrift 383LT, Donkerval 405LT, Boschhoek 415LT, Bloemfontein 414LT, Vaalkrans 413LT, Deelkraal 412LT, and Ramatoelas Kloof 411LT, then following the boundaries of the following farms so as to include them: Welgevonden 886LS, Lang en Smal 887LS, Paardedrift 890 LS, Escatre 907LS, Sterkloop 929LS, Zaagkuil 928LS, now heading south, Mpome 949LS, Tomaszom 950LS, Suikerboschkopje 952LS, Verbrandehoek 983LS, Voetpad 1012LS, Tafelklip 1034LS, Driekuil 1036LS, Goodhope 1072LS, Brighton 1079LS, Kromdraai 1067LS, Annies Fortune 1068LS, Annies Annex 206KS, Paardevlei 201KS, 214KS, Helen 219KS, Rheeboekvlei 213KS, now heading north-east, 310KS, Ashmole Dales 211KS, Klipdraai 3KT, Ceylon 4KT, Aden 1KT, Georges Valley 632LT, Wolkberg 634LT, Forest Reserve 8KT, Graighead 643LT, Coombe Bank 649LT, Murle Brook 651LT, Vulihva 607LT, Masimu 571LT, Sivurahli 560LT, to the point where the Great Letaba River crosses the eastern boundary of the last-mentioned property; then along the Great Letaba River so as to include the following farms: Beaconsfield 530LT, and the western portion of the farm Letabasdrift 526LT, then at the intersection of the Great Letaba River and P181/1 tar road heading north along the P181/1, so that the sections of the following farms west of the road are included: Gladstone 527LT, Tarentaal 524LT, Welverwacht 510LT, Uitsoek 509LT, Duplex 467LT, to the northern boundary of Deerpark 459LT, now north-westerly along the farm boundaries, so as to include the following farms, Strangers Rest 431LT, Schoongeleen 432LT, Mooiplaats 434LT, Spitsrand 422LT, Witkrans 421LT, Kransfontein 430LT, and ending at the northern corner of Wagendrift 383LT.