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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

VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY  
(FORMERLY SOUTPANSBERGAREAS)

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 2005 up to and including 31 October 2005 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;
- (1) hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from 1 August 2005 up to and including 31 October 2005 destroy by burning slash originating from any timber plantation or self-sown exotic trees;
- (2) hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from 1 August 2005 up to and including 31 October 2005 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 A – VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY****DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN  
THE VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY  
OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE  
FOR 2005.**

Beginning at the intersection of the Sand River and the R523 at the Waterpoort Village; then heading east along the R523 to the T-junction with the N1; then heading east-southeast along the N1 to the R523 turn-off; then heading east on the R523 to the Siloom Vilage; then heading east-north east along the D3695, passing through the villages of Thononda and Dzamba, and ending at Rambuda; then heading south-east on the D3687 until it intersects with the Mutale-Thulamela Municipal boundary; then heading east along this boundary until it reaches the Kruger Park; then heading east-south-east along the Kruger Park boundary until it intersects with the R524 at Pund Maria; then heading south-east on the R524 to the R81 ~~turn-off~~ at Dlamani; then heading south-south-east along the R81 until the Vhembe-Mopane District Municipality boundary; then heading south-east along this boundary, passing through the Middle Letaba Dam, and continuing along the Middle Letaba River until the split in the river on the farm Sterkwater 140LT; then taking the western split and continuing along the river through the farms Klaarstroom 155LT, Middelwater 156LT, Zeekoefontein 157LT, Crystalwater 160LT, Lemondokop 184LT, Kogelfontein 183LT, Bronkhorstfontein 181LT, and Nooitgedacht 342LT, where the river intersects with the R36; then heading north-west on the R36, through the Soekmekaar Village and continuing to the T-junction at the N1; then heading north on the N1 until the D2554 ~~turn-off~~ on the ~~outskirts~~ of Louis Trichardt Town; then heading west on the D2554 until the T-junction with D3715; then continuing west on the D3715 through the villages of Madombidzha, Senthimula, Gogobole, Ha-Ramahantsha, Ha-Maden, and on towards the T-junction with the R522 at Tshikwarane Village; then heading east on the R522 until it intersects with the Sand River; then heading north along the Sand River and ending at the intersection of the Sand River and the R523 at the Waterpoort Village.