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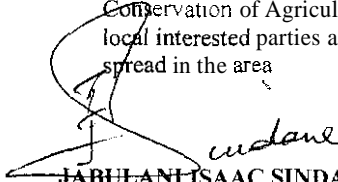
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**PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE  
DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASHES AND CLEARING OR  
MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF  
BLOCK-BURNS**

**MOPANI AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES**

I, Jabulani Isaac Sindane in my capacity as the Director-General 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 extraordinary fire hazards, I therefore-

1. direct that in the said areas, no person shall from **1 August 2007 up** to and including **31 October 2007** make a fire in the open air, or, if such 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 have 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 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 Agriculture 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 specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- (1) hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from the **1 May 2007 up** to and including **31 October 2007** 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 2007 up** to and including **31 October 2007** 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 region, as determined by Forest Fire Association, is less than **45**, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and the day before 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

  
**JABULANI ISAAC SINDANE**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

## **SCHEDULE B – MOPANI AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES**

### **DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN MOPANI AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE FOR 2007.**

**The complete area of Greater Tzaneen Municipality and Greater Letaba Municipality, and the following farms in the Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality; 1KT, 2KT, 3KT, 4KT, 5KT, 7KT, 9KT, 10KT, 38KT, 39KT, and 197KS, 198KS, 201KS, 202KS, 205KS, 206KS, 207KS, 208KS, 211KS, 212KS, 213KS, 214KS, 219KS, 310KS, and 1079LS, 1080LS, 1083LS, 1084LS, 1169LS, 1174LS.**

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