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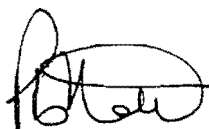
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PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF GROUND COVER, INCLUDING SLASH, THE CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING OR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCKBURNS: KWAZULU NATAL

I, Pamela Buleiwa Yako, Director-General: 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 the 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 direct-

- (1) that in the areas mentioned and during the periods indicated in the Schedule, no person shall 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 which are properly protected against fire;
 - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships which are properly protected against fire and;
 - (d) fires to facilitate the harvesting of sugarcane, which is to be allowed from 18:00 on Fridays to 07:00 on Saturdays 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) that in the areas mentioned and during the periods 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 Fridays to 14:00 on Mondays, subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); and in compliance with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998);
- (3) that in the areas mentioned and during the periods indicated in the Schedule, **the clearing or maintenance of fire belts by burning is prohibited**;
- (4) that in the areas mentioned and during the periods indicated in the Schedule, the **execution of block burns** including the burning of 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 Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); and in compliance with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998).

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



Ms Pam Yako
DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

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	09-07-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	-	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Eshowe	09-07-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	-	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Mtonjaneni	09-07-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	-	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Northern Natal					
Black Mfolozi	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Blood River	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Enyati	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Hlobane	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Lenjane	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Lowsberg	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Ngome	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Paulpietersburg	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Scheepersnek	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Utrecht	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Vryheid	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
White Mfolozi	09-06-01 to 09-11-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Zululand: Coastal areas					
Hiabisa	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	-	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30
Lower Umfolozi	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	-	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30
Mthunzini	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	-	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30
Natal Midlands					
Alfred	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Bergville	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Camperdown	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Estcourt	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Ixopo	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31

Kranskop	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Lions River	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Lower Tugela	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Mooi River	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Ipendie	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Mt Currie	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Newcastle	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
New Hanover	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Pietermaritzburg	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Polela	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Richmond	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Umvoti	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31
Underberg	09-05-01 to 09-11-30	09-06-01 to 09-10-31	09-07-01 to 09-09-30	09-08-01 to 09-09-30	09-07-01 to 09-10-31