



May 18, 2010

Public Notice: Preventing Wildfires

Effective at noon on June 1, 2010 and until further notice, fireworks and firecrackers will be prohibited throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre, including Shuswap and Mara Lakes.

Those who jeopardize our communities and forests by using fireworks are in contravention of Section 12(1) of the *Wildfire Act* and are liable to a fine of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment of up to one year. As well, anyone who causes a wildfire by using fireworks may also be held responsible for any or all fire suppression costs and/or damages.

Careless use of campfires is one of the leading causes of forest fires. Please see tips below on how to properly enjoy a campfire.

Last season, the Kamloops Fire Centre responded to over 356 escaped or abandoned campfires, of which 46 caused actual wildfires. The fine for leaving your campfire unattended is \$345, and a person can also be held liable for fire suppression costs if their campfire escapes and causes a forest fire.

The Kamloops Fire Centre extends from the northern border of Wells Gray Park, north of Blue River, to the U.S. border in the south, and from the Bridge River Glacier west of Goldbridge to the Monashee Mountains east of Lumby.

The public is reminded that person-caused wildfires take critical resources away from naturally occurring lightning-caused wildfires. For more information on open fire restrictions or current wildfire activity, please phone 1-888-3FOREST or go to www.bcwildfire.ca. To report a wildfire or unattended campfire, please call 1-800-663-5555 or dial *5555 on most cellular networks.

Build your fire at least 3 metres from trees, shrubs or structures.



Never leave your campfire unattended.



Before you leave add cold water and stir until cool to the touch.



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Wildfire Management Notice

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EQUIPMENT and ACTIVITIES PROHIBITION ORDER

Under section 12(1) of the *Wildfire Act*, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Minister of Forests and Range, I, Steve Schell, Kamloops Fire Centre Manager, hereby **PROHIBIT** within the area described below, the following activities, and the use of the following materials because I consider that they are likely to cause or contribute to the spread of a fire:

- Fireworks, including firecrackers

This Order takes effect June 1, 2010 at 1200 hours and remains in force until the earlier of September 30, 2010 or until the Order is lifted.

This Order applies within the geographic boundaries described below, and includes all public and private land, with the following exceptions:

- This Order does not apply to the use of fireworks within the boundaries of a local government with a bylaw that governs the use of fireworks.

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**Failure to comply with this Order can result in a fine of up to \$100,000
and imprisonment of up to one year**

May 18, 2010
Date

Steve Schell, Kamloops Fire Centre Manager
Ministry of Forests and Range