



April 20, 2020

Dear Range Agreement Holders/Interested Parties,

Re: Open Burning Prohibitions throughout British Columbia, Effective at noon Thursday April 16, 2020

This letter is to inform those who are interested in performing prescribed burns in the Northeast Region that as of noon Thursday April 16, 2020 most open burning activities will be prohibited throughout British Columbia. This open burn prohibition includes prescribed fire as per April 7, 2020 - BC Wildfire Service bulletin -

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3183>

The Northeast Region will continue to process prescribed fire plan applications to ensure they have a decision, and if approved, to support burning in Spring 2021, if conditions present are favourable.

To provide further information on the review process, the applicant will have to visit the BC Wildfire Service website for guidance on prescribed fire planning, and the templates to complete when applying for a prescribed fire plan. Link to BC Wildfire Prescribed Fire:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/vegetation-and-fuel-management/prescribed-burning/planning-a-burn>

Once you have developed a prescribed fire plan, that has been signed by a Registered Professional Forester, Registered Forest Technologist or a Professional Agrologist, please submit your application to the Peace and Fort Nelson Districts by hand delivery through FrontCounter BC offices (following COVID-19 procedures posted at offices), mail to 9000-17st, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4A4 or email to northeast.range@gov.bc.ca. The Peace District Staff will coordinate the plan review process to support Land Manager decision on natural resource values, which is then forwarded to BC Wildfire Service. BC Wildfire Service then makes the final decision on the prescribed fire plan. If land managers do not believe the plan properly manages the values at risk, a letter shall be sent to the applicant explaining issues that need to be addressed within the plan.

To help limit the spread of COVID-19, the FrontCounter BC offices and BC Wildfire Service office locations are temporarily closed. For further information on the prescribed fire plan review process, please contact Nadia Skokun, Licensed Resource Specialist by email (northeast.range@gov.bc.ca or Nadia.skokun@gov.bc.ca). For further information on the prohibited open burning activities, please contact the Prince George Fire (Prince George) at 250-561-4628.

Sincerely,



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