FIRE RESTRICTION

ISSUED:

FACT SHEET

WHERE IS THE FIRE RESTRICTION?

• The fire restriction is in effect within

within the Forest Protection Area (FPA) of Alberta. Please refer to albertafirebans.ca for exact locations. Cities, towns, villages and summer villages as well as federal lands (such as national parks) are exempt from this restriction. These jurisdictions have the authority to issue their own restrictions and may have complementary restrictions in place.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

 All outdoor wood fires are banned on public lands, including backcountry and random camping. The use of fireworks and exploding targets are also prohibited.

WHAT IS ALLOWED?

- Safe wood campfires on private land and within provincial campgrounds as long as they are inside an engineered campfire ring.
- Backyard fire pits.
- Charcoal briquette barbeques.
- Propane/natural gas powered appliances.
- Indoor wood fires (such as inside a facility, building, tent or RV) and contained within a device with a chimney and spark arrestor.
- Cooking, warming and lighting devices all devices must be CSA approved and used per manufacturer's standards.

ARE FIRE PERMITS ALLOWED?

All fire permits are suspended or cancelled.
 If the burning is industry (energy, forestry) or agricultural related, an assessment for any permit will be made by a forest officer.

HOW LONG WILL THE FIRE RESTRICTION BE IN PLACE?

 Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will be monitoring conditions on a daily basis and will amend the fire restriction when appropriate.

WHY IS THE FIRE RESTRICTION IN PLACE?

• The fire restriction has been put into place

UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY WAS THE FIRE RESTRICTION PUT IN PLACE?

 The fire restriction was enacted under section 21 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

WHAT PENALTIES ARE IN PLACE?

 If you're found to be burning during a fire restriction, you may be issued a \$600 ticket. Individuals found responsible for starting a wildfire may be charged with the cost of fighting the fire.

WHERE CAN I GET THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION?

Online: albertafirebans.ca
Facebook: Alberta Wildfire
Twitter: @AlbertaWildfire
Phone: 1-866-FYI-FIRE

