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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 874 OF 2005

BURNING PROHIBITION KWAZULU NATAL 2005

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

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

I, Michael Arnold Muller in my capacity as Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, hereby declare, in terms of section 25 (1), (2) and (3) of the Forest Act, 1994 (Act No. 122 of 1994), that in my opinion State forests or private forests in the areas indicated in the Schedule hereto, are subject to an extraordinary fire hazard. I therefore-

- (1) direct that in the areas and during the said 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 resort, but only at places within such a demarcated area as have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose;
 - (b) fires for the preparation of food on residential stands which are adequately protected against fire;
 - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships which are adequately protected against fire; and
 - (d) fires to facilitate the harvesting of sugarcane, which is to be allowed from 18:00 on Fridays to Saturdays 07:00 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) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period 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 Veld & Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act 101 of 1998);
- (3) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period indicated in the Schedule, the **clearing or maintenance of fire belts** by burning is prohibited;
- (4) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period 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 Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); and in compliance with the Veld & Forest Fire Act, 1998. (Act 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.



Arnold Michael Muller
Director-General

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

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

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