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# GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

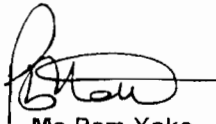
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11 May 2009

### PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCKBURNS: DISTRICTS OF (A) ERMELO, EERSTEHOEK, CAROLINA AND WATERVAL-BOVEN; (B) PIET RETIEF AND WAKKERSTROOM

I, Pamela Bulelwa 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 said areas, **no person shall from 1 June 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009**, 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;
  - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
  - (d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields: provided that such fires may be made from 15:00 to 24:00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14:00 for the fire region, as determined by the **Forest Fire Association**, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and a day before a public holiday, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulation 12 of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area and where applicable, **a burning permit must be obtained from the local fire protection association.**
  - (e) fires made for initiation school purposes, but only at places, which have been specially prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- (2) that in the said areas no person shall from **1 June 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009**, destroy by burning slash originating from any timber plantation or self-sown exotic trees unless in the possession of a burning permit;
- (3) that in the said areas **no person shall from 1 June 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009**, destroy by burning of harvest residue, cultivated crop fields and veld, clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns, provided that such fires may be made from 15:00 to 24:00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index at 14:00 for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays and the day before a Public Holiday when no burning may be undertaken, subject to the directions in terms of regulation 12 of the Regulations promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with the local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area and where applicable, a burning permit must be obtained from the local fire protection association.
- (4) *that in areas where fire protection associations exist and are registered with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry in terms of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, No 101 of 1998, but such areas not falling within the boundaries stipulated in Schedules A and B, provisions (1), (2) and (3) above will apply to cover the entire boundaries of the registered associations.*



Ms Pam Yako

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

**SCHEDULE A****EASTERN BOUNDARY**

From a point where the Ngwempisi River enters Swaziland northwards along the Swaziland border to the Carolina/Barberton District boundary.

**NORTHERN BOUNDARY**

From the Swaziland border in a westerly direction along the Carolina/Barberton District boundary to the Badplaas/Barberton Road; thence in a westerly direction along the said road to the intersection with the Badplaas/Machadodorp Road on the property Kees Zyn Doorns 708 JT; thence in a northerly direction along the Machadodorp Road to a point where it crosses the northern direction along the Machadodorp Road to a point where it crosses the northern boundary of the property Gemakstroom 396 TJ; Gembokhoek 397 JT, Gevonden 398 JT, Waterval 424 JT, Kranskloof 423 JT, Suikerboschfontein 422 TJ, Leeuwpoort 13 IT and Nooitgedacht 14 IT to where the boundary of the last mentioned property crosses the Carolina/Badplaas Road; thence in a westerly direction along the said road to its junction with the Machadodorp/Ermelo Road (R36) and from there in a southerly direction to the junction with the Carolina/Hendrina Road (R38) including the reserve within the area; from there in a westerly direction along the Hendrina Road to a point where the road crosses the Ermelo District boundary on the eastern boundary of the farm Op Goedehoop 205 IS.

**WESTERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARY**

From the point where the Carolina/Hendrina Road (R38) crosses the Ermelo District boundary on the eastern boundary of the farm Goedehoop 205 IS, along the Ermelo District boundary in a southerly and later easterly direction to the point where the Ngwempisi river enters Swaziland, so as to include the entire District of Ermelo in the area.

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**SCHEDULE B****EASTERN BOUNDARY**

From the point where the Nwempisi River enters Swaziland, along the Swaziland border, in a southerly direction to the common boundary between the properties Berbice 23 HU and Bergplaats 25 HU; from there in the general south-westerly direction to the Mpumalanga/KwaZulu-Natal border along the eastern boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in the area; Berbice 23 HU, Delft 22 HU, Agatha 41 HU and Gunsteling 45 HU.

**SOUTHERN BOUNDARY**

From the junction of the south-eastern boundary of the property Gunsteling 45 HU with the Mpumalanga/KwaZulu-Natal border; thence in a general westerly direction along the provincial border to the Piet Retief/Braunschweig Road on the property Zendingpost 196 HT.

**WESTERN BOUNDARY**

From the junction of the Piet Retief/Braunschweig Road with the KwaZulu-Natal/Mpumalanga border on the property Zendingpost 196 HT in an easterly direction along this road to the junction of the Uitgevallen Road on the property Tafelberg 186 HT; thence in a northerly direction traversing the property Tafelberg 186 HT along the last mentioned road to the Piet Retief/Uitgevallen/Annysspruit Road junction on the property Uitgevallen 175 HT; from there in a westerly direction along the Uitgevallen/Annysspruit Road to its intersection with the southern boundaries of the property Annysspruit 139 HT; thence in a westerly direction along the southern and western boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in the area: Klipspruit 138 HT, Klipspruit 137 HT, Kaffir Locatie 24 HT, Grootsspruit 23 HT, Roodekraal 21 HT, Maquassa 19 HT, Rooikop 18 HT, Witbank 380 IT, Prospectfarm 361 IT, Geelhoutboom 342 IT and Leiden 340 IT to the Ermelo District boundary.

**NORTHERN BOUNDARY**

From the point where the Ngwempisi River enters Swaziland, along the Ermelo/Piet Retief and Ermelo/Wakkerstroom District boundaries in a westerly direction to the western corner of the property Leiden 340 IT.

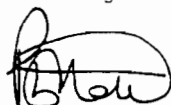
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11 May 2009

**PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCKBURNS: DISTRICTS OF NELSPRUIT, WHITE RIVER, PILGRIM'S REST, LYDENBURG, BELFAST, WATERVAL-BOVEN, CAROLINA AND BARBERTON**

I, Pamela Bulelwa 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 Schedule A hereto are subject to an extraordinary fire hazard. I therefore direct-

- (1) 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: direct that in the said areas **no person shall from 1 June 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009** provided that such fires are properly extinguished with water and/or sand;
  - (b) fires for the preparation of food on residential stands;
  - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
  - (d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields: Provided that such fires may be made from 15:00 to 24:00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14:00 for the fire region, as determined by the **Forest Fire Association**, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and a day before a public holiday, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulation 12 of the regulation promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983); in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area and where applicable, **a burning permit must be obtained from the local fire protection association.**
  - (e) fires made for initiation school purposes, but only at places, which have been specially prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- (2) that in the said areas no person shall from **1 June 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009** destroy by burning slash originating from any timber plantation or self-sown exotic trees unless in the possession of a burning permit;
- (3) that in the said areas no person shall from **1 June 2009 up and including 31 October 2009** destroy by burning of harvest residue, cultivated crop fields and veld, clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: provided that such fires may be made from 15:00 to 24:00 only on days when the Average Fire Danger Index at 14:00 for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays and the day before a Public Holiday when no burning may be undertaken, subject to the directions in terms of regulation 12 of the Regulations promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with the local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area and where applicable, a burning permit must be obtained from the local fire protection association.
- (4) that in areas where fire protection associations exist and are registered with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry in terms of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, No 101 of 1998, but such areas not falling within the boundaries stipulated in Schedule A, provisions (1), (2) and (3) above will apply to cover the entire boundaries of the registered associations.



**Ms Pam Yako**

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

**SCHEDULE A****SOUTHERN BOUNDARY**

From the point where the Machadodorp/Waterval-Boven Road (N4) intersects the southern boundary of the property Schoongezicht 347 JT; thence in a generally easterly and southerly direction along the Waterval-Boven/Belfast District border to the point where this border intersects the Badplaas/Machadodorp Road at the northern boundary of the property Uitkomst 390 JT; thence along this road in a generally easterly and southerly direction to the junction of the Badplaas/Machadodorp and Barberton/Badplaas Road on the property Kees Zyn Doorns 708 JT; thence in a generally easterly direction along the Badplaas/Barberton Road to where the last mentioned road intersects the Carolina/Barberton Magisterial District boundary; thence first in a southerly and then in a generally easterly direction along the Carolina/Barberton Magisterial District boundary to the Swaziland border; thence in a generally easterly direction along the Swaziland border to the Matsamo border post.

**EASTERN BOUNDARY**

From the Matsamo border post in a northerly direction along the Jeppe's Reef/Maieplane Road to where last mentioned intersects the northern boundary of the farm Schoemansdal 333 JU; from there west along the northern boundary of the farm to Fourieskraal 267 JU; from there along the southern boundaries of Amo 259 JU and Sherlock 641 JU, then along the eastern and northern boundaries of Sherlock 461 JU and from there westwards along the boundary of Amo 259 JU and then south along the same farm boundary; from there along the northern boundary of Fourieskraal 276 JU, Igwalagwa 269 JU, Mac Mac 264 JU, Alberts Home 766 JU, Hoinek 331 JU, Waaibeuwei 360 JU, State Land, Lancaster 359 JU and Eureka 366 JU; from there the boundary follows the Kaapmuiden/Barberton Road until the junction with the R40 (Barberton/Nelspruit); from there along the Barberton/Nelspruit Road up to Nelspruit along the Nelspruit/White River Road up to the intersection with northern boundary of Friedenheim 262 following the northern and eastern boundary of same property, then the southern boundary of Vergenoeg 124 up to Road 538 in a southerly direction up to the junction with the Nelspruit/Kanyamazane Road following this road in an easterly direction until its junction with the N4; following the N4 up to the crossing with the Crocodile River; then following the Crocodile River up to the railway line from where it swings north along the railway line and the boundary of the Kruger National Park up to the Sabie River; then along the river in a westerly direction to the Hazyview/Bushbuckridge Road and along last mentioned road northwards to where it intersects the northern boundary of the property Injaka 267 KU.

**NORTHERN BOUNDARY**

From the point where the Hazyview/Bushbuckridge Road intersects the northern boundary of the property Injaka 267 KU, along the boundaries of the following properties so as to include them in the area; Injaka 267 KU, Wales 250 KU, Onverwacht 501 KT, Vooruitzicht 499 KT, Welgevonden 465 KT, Hebron 461 KT, Saiique 247 KT, Glenlyden 424 KT, Blyde Rivier Poort 416 KT, Diepkloof 415 KT, Steenveld 229 KT, Rietvley 413 KT, Klipfonteinhoek 407 KT and Branddraai 409 KT to where the Ohrigstad/Tzaneen Road intersects the northern boundary of the last mentioned property so that Rietvley 413 KT, Branddraai 409 KT and the portion of Klipfonteinhoek 407 KT situated to the east of the said road is included in the area.

**WESTERN BOUNDARY**

From the point where the Machadodorp/Waterval-Boven Road intersects the southern boundary of the property Schoongezicht 347 JT; thence along the southern and western boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in the area; Schoongezicht 347 JT, Farrefontein 349 JT, Viakfontein 325 JT, Wachteenbeeljieshoek 327 JT, Wiigekraal 141 JT and Doornhoek 143 JT to a point where the last mentioned property's north-eastern boundary intersects the Machadodorp/Lydenburg/Tzaneen Road through Lydenburg and Ohrigstad to that point where this road crosses the northern boundary of the property Klipfonteinhoek 407 KT.

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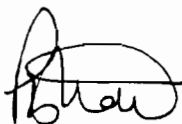
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**PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK-BURNS**

MOPANI AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES  
(FORMERLY LETABA AND PIETERSBURG DISTRICTS)

I, Pamela Buielwa 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 Forest in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedule B hereto are subject to extraordinary fire hazards. I therefore direct-

- (1) that in the said areas, no person shall **from 1 August 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009** make fire in the open air, or if such a fire has been made, allow it 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 preparations of food on residential stands;
  - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
  - (d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields: Provided that such fires may be made from 15h00 to 24h00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14h00 for the fire region, as determined by the Letaba Fire Protection Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulations 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area;
  - (e) fires made for initiation school purposes, but only at places, which have been specially prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- (2) that in the said areas no person shall **from 1 August 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009** destroy by burning slash originating from any pine timber plantation or any self-sown pine trees;
- (3) that in the said areas no person shall **from 1 August 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009**, clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: Provided that veld for range land management may be burnt from 15h00 to 24h00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14h00 for the fire region, as determined by Letaba Fire Protection Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulations 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area.



**Ms Pam Yako**

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

**SCHEDULE B – MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY****DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN  
MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY  
OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE  
FOR 2009**

Beginning at the northern corner of the farm Wagendrift 383LT, on the Koedoes River, then heading south-west along the Koedoes River so as to include the following farms: Wagendrift 383LT, Donkerval 405LT, Boschhoek 415LT, Bloemfontein 414LT, Vaalkrans 413LT, Deelkraal 412LT, and Ramatoeslas Kloof 411LT, then the following boundaries of the following farms so as to include them: Welgevonden 886LS, Lang en Smal 887LS, Paardedrift 890LS, Escatre 907LS, Sterkloop 929LS, Zaagkuil 928LS, now heading south, Mpome 949LS, Tomaszom 950LS, Suikerboschkopje 925LS Verbrandehoek 983 LS, Voetpad 1012LS, Tafelklip 1034LS, Driekuil 1036LS, Goodhope 1072LS, Brighton 1079LS, Kromdaai 1067LS, Annes Fortune 1068LS, Annes Annex 206KS, Paardevlei 201KS, 214KS, Helen 219KS, Rheeboekvlei 213KS, now heading north east, 310KS, Ashmole Dales 211KS, Klipdraai 3KT, Ceylon 4KT, Aden 1KT, Georges Valley 632LT, Wolkberg 634LT, Forest Reserve 8KT, Graighead 643LT, Coombe Bank 649LT, Murle Brook 651LT, Vuuivha 607LT, Masimu 571LT, Sivurahli 560LT, to the point where the Letaba River crosses the eastern boundary of the last mentioned property; then along the Great Letaba River so as to include the following farms: Beaconsfield 530LT, and the western portion of the farm Letabasdrift 526LT, then at the intersection of the Great Letaba River and P181/1 tar road heading north along the P181/1 so that the sections of the following farms west of the road are included: Gladstone 527LT, Tarentaal 524LT, Welverwatch 510LT, Uitsoek 509LT, Duplex 467LT, to the northern boundary of Deerpark 459LT, now north westerly along the farm boundaries, so as to include the following farms: Strangers Rest 431LT, Schoongelegen 432LT, Mooiplaats 434LT, Spitstrand 422LT, Witkrans 421LT, Kransfontein 430LT, and ending at the northern corner of Wagendrift 383LT.



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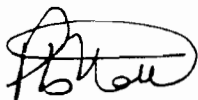
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**PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK-BURNS**

VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY  
(FORMERLY SOUTPANSBERG AREAS)

I, Pamela Bulelwa 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 Forest in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedule A hereto are subject to extraordinary fire hazards. I therefore direct-

- (1) that in the said areas, no person shall from **1 August 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009**, make fire in the open air, or, if such a fire has been made, allow it 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 preparations of food on residential stands;
  - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
  - (d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields. Provided that such fires may be made from 15h00 to 24h00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14h00 for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area;
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Ms Pam Yako

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

**SCHEDULE A - VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY****DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN  
THE VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY  
OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE  
FOR 2009**

Beginning at the intersection of the Sand River and the R523 at the Waterpoort Village, then heading east along the R523 to the T-junction with the N1; then heading east-south-east along the N1 to the R523 turn-off; then heading east on the R523 to the Siloam Village; then heading east-north east along the D3695, passing through the villages of Thononda and Dzamba, and ending at Rambuda, then heading south-east on the D3687 until it intersects with the Mutale-Thulamela Municipality boundary; then heading east along this boundary until it reaches the Kruger National Park; then heading east-south-east along the Kruger Park boundary until it intersects with the R524 at Punda-Maria; then heading south-east on the R524 to the R81 turn-off at Dlamani; then heading south-south-east along the R81 until the Vhembe-Mopani District Municipality boundary; then heading south-east along this boundary; passing through the Middle Letaba Dam, and continuing along the Middle Letaba River until the split on the farm Sterkwater 140LT; then taking the western split and continuing along river through the farms Klaarstroom 155LT, Middelwater 156LT, Zeekoeifontein 157LT, Crystalwater 160LT, Lemondokop 164LT, Kogelfontein 183LT, Bronkhorsfontein 181LT, Nooitgedacht 342LT, where the river intersects with the R36; then heading north-west on the R36, through the Soekmekaar Village and continuing to the T-junction at the N1; then heading north on the N1 until the D2554 turn off on the outskirts of Louis Trichardt Town; then heading west on the D2554 until the T-junction with D3715; then continuing west on the D3715 through the villages of Madombidzha, Senthimula, Gogobole, Ha-Ramahantsha, Ha-Maden, and on towards the T-junction with the R522 at Tshikwarane Village; then heading east on the R522 until it intersects with the Sand River; then heading north along the Sand River and ending at the intersection of the Sand River and the R523 at the Waterpoort Village.

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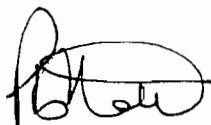
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**PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF GROUND COVER, INCLUDING SLASH, THE CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING OR THE EXECUTION OF BLOCKBURNS: KWAZULU NATAL**

I, Pamela Bulelwa 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
<b>Zululand: Interior areas</b>					
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
<b>Zululand: Coastal areas</b>					
Hlabisa	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
Ipendle	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