

FORESTRY AND PARKS

Forest and Prairie Protection Act
RSA 2000, c.F-19

MINISTERIAL ORDER

16/2026

FIRE CONTROL ORDER

FIRE RESTRICTION

1. All fire permits issued under the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* (the "Act") are suspended.
2. Every person shall immediately extinguish
 - a. every outdoor fire lit by that person or under that person's authority, and
 - b. every outdoor fire located on land occupied or owned by that person.
3. No person shall light an outdoor fire.
4. No person shall use fireworks or exploding targets.
5. Any prior written permission allowing the use of fireworks or exploding targets granted prior to this Order coming into effect is revoked.

Lands to which this Order Applies

6. Subject to paragraphs 7 and 10, this Order applies to all public land, including land in the backcountry and in random camping areas, and on all privately owned land, within the following Fire Control Zones:
 - a. Fire Control Zones 35 – 41, inclusive.

7. This Order does not apply to:
 - a. land within the boundaries of any urban municipality, as defined in the Act;
 - b. any land owned by the Government of Canada in respect of which a fire control agreement has not been entered into under section 6(b) of the Act.

Reinstatement of Fire Permits

8. A forest officer may in writing:
 - a. reinstate a fire permit previously issued under the Act that was suspended pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Order;
 - b. authorize the lighting of an outdoor fire that would otherwise be prohibited pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Order.
9. Any reinstatement or authorization under paragraph 8 of this Order may be revoked at any time by further Ministerial Order or by notice in writing from a forest officer.

Exceptions to Prohibition on Fires

10. Notwithstanding paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Order, a Fire Type may be lit or burned within a Land Designation if it is designated in the following table as “Allowed” for that Land Designation:

		Land Designation			
		On public land, including land in the backcountry and in random camping areas	In designated campgrounds on public land and in campgrounds on private land	In designated day use areas	On privately owned land
Fire Type	Wood fires in purpose-built permanent devices designed for containing campfires	Not Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Wood fires in fire rings and fire pits	Not Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Fires fueled exclusively by charcoal briquettes	Not Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	Gas or liquid fueled devices that are CSA approved or UL certified	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

11. This Order does not apply to fires contained in industrial facilities or industrial sites.

Authority for Order

12. This Order is made under the authority of section 21 of the Act and, with respect to the prohibitions on fireworks and exploding targets in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Order, under the authority of section 8 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Regulation (Alberta Regulation 60/2017) (the "Regulation").

13. The person making this Order has been delegated the powers, duties and functions of the Minister of Forestry and Parks under section 21 of the Act and is also a forest officer for the purposes of section 8 of the Regulation.

Interpretation

14. In this Order, a Fire Control Zone refers to the corresponding numbered Fire Control Zone established in the Fire Control Zone Regulation (Alberta Regulation 29/2005).

15. Headings have been included in this Order for convenience of reference only and do not form part of this Order.

Effective Date and Time of Order

This Order comes into effect at 3:00 pm on July 2, 2026.

Dated this 30 day of June 2026.

_____ Original signed by _____
Shawn Barraclough
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
Forest Operations - Wildfire Response
Forestry and Parks

