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PROHIBITION OF 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, THE FACILITATION OF HARVESTING SUGAR CANE BY BURNING AND BURNING FOR ECOLOGICALLY NECESSARY PURPOSES ON HIGH RISK DAYS: KWAZULU-NATAL: 2001

I, Douglas Olen, acting in my capacity as Acting Regional Director: Central Region: Forestry: Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, duly authorised thereto by the 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, 1984 (Act No 122 of 1984) 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 from 12:00 for Zululand Interior Areas and 18:00 for Northern Natal, Natal Midlands and Zululand Coastal Areas on Fridays to 16:00 on Mondays 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);
- (3) direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period indicated in the Schedule, the clearing or maintenance of the 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 burn 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 consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread.

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.

Magisterial district	Making of fires in the open air From to	Burning of ground cover From to	Burning of maize harvest residue From to	Clearing of firebelts From to	Execution of block burns From to
ZULULAND INTERIOR AREAS					
Babanango	01-07-01 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	-	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Eshowe	01-07-01 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	-	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Mtonjaneni	01-07-01 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	-	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
NORTHERN NATAL					
Black Mfolozi	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Blood River	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Enyati	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Hlobane	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Lenjane	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Louwsberg	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Ngome	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Paulpietersburg	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Scheepersnek	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Utrecht	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Vryheid	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
White Mfolozi	01-06-16 to 01-11-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
ZULULAND COASTAL AREAS					
Hlabisa	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	-	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30
Lower Mfolozi	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	-	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30
Mthunzini	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	-	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30
NATAL MIDLANDS					
Alfred	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Bergville	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Camperdown	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Estcourt	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Ixopo	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Kranskop	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Lions River	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Lower Tugela	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Mooi River	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Ipendle	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Mt Currie	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Newcastle	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
New Hanover	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Pietermaritzburg	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Polela	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Richmond	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Umvoti	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31
Underberg	01-05-01 to 01-11-30	01-06-16 to 01-10-31	01-07-01 to 01-09-30	01-08-01 to 01-09-30	01-07-01 to 01-10-31