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BC Forest Service
Kamloops Fire Centre

RESCINDING OF OPEN FIRE PROHIBITION

KAMLOOPS—Effective at 12:00 noon on Monday, October 19, 2009 and until further notice, Category 1, 2 and 3 open fires are no longer prohibited and are permitted at all elevations throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre.

Open fire is defined in three categories. A Category 1 open fire means an open fire that burns piled material no larger than one metre high and one metre wide.

A Category 2 open fire means an open fire that burns piled material no larger than two metres high and three metres wide, or grass over an area less than 0.2 hectares (2000 square metres) in size.

A Category 3 open fire means an open fire that burns material in piles larger than two metres high and three metres wide, windrows, or grass over an area larger than 0.2 hectares (2000 square metres) in size. A burn registration number is required for Category 3 open fire. To request a burn registration number, please call 1-888-797-1717 toll free.

Open burning is governed by the *Wildfire Act*, which applies to all lands outside of municipal boundaries and Regional Districts that have open fire bylaws. Please check with your local authorities before lighting a fire within municipal boundaries.

The Kamloops Fire Centre extends from the northern border of Wells Gray Park, north of Blue River to the US border in the south, and from the Bridge River Glacier west of Goldbridge to the Monashee Mountains east of Lumby.

To report a wildfire or unattended campfire, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on most cellular networks. For more information on open fire restrictions or for updates on current wildfire activity, visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

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