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Level II Fire Ban lifted in Rocky View County

Rocky View County, Alberta – Due to a positive change in weather conditions improving fire conditions, the Level II fire ban has been lifted for Rocky View County. The fire ban was put into effect on August 26 due to dry and windy conditions.

The recent rainfall has reduced the fire hazard rating.

“I want to thank all residents and visitors for compiling with the fire ban this last weekend,” says Rocky View Fire Chief Ken McMullen. “The recent rain in the forecast has provided moisture to the surrounding dry areas, reducing the fire risk. With a long weekend coming up, we would like to remind people to take all the necessary precautions with open-air burning, such as having an ample supply of water close to your fire.”

Residents and visitors should continue to take all precautions for open-air burning, such as having items like a garden hose, a shovel and rake and loose dirt readily available in case the fire becomes too large and begins to escape containment.

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BACKGROUNDER: DESCRIPTION OF FIRE BAN LEVELS

Level I (moderate fire risk)

The exemptions to this fire ban are listed as follows:

- Internal household fire places
- Incinerators (for farm and acreage use)
- Regulated burning barrels
- Camp stoves
- Solid fuel barbecues (charcoal briquettes)
- Liquid fuel barbecues (propane and natural gas)
- Recreational camp fires (approved burn pit 24" in diameter or less)
- Chimeneas
- Fires contained within approved facilities and appliances in designated camping and recreational areas.

Level II (severe fire risk)

This ban includes:

- Incinerators (for farm and acreage use)
- Regulated burning barrels
- Solid fuel barbecues (charcoal briquettes)
- Recreational camp fires (approved burn pit 24" in diameter or less)
- Chimeneas.

The exemptions to this fire ban are listed as follows:

- Internal household fire places
- Camp stoves
- Liquid fuel barbecues (propane and natural gas)
- Fires contained within approved facilities and appliances in designated camping and recreational areas.

Level III (extreme fire risk)

This ban includes:

- Incinerators (for farm and acreage use)
- Regulated burning barrels
- Camp stoves
- Solid fuel barbecues (charcoal briquettes)
- Recreational camp fires (approved burn pit 24" in diameter or less)
- Chimeneas
- Fires contained within approved facilities and appliances in designated camping and recreational areas.

The exemptions to this fire ban are listed as follows:

- Internal household fire places
- Liquid fuel barbecues (propane and natural gas)