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Cariboo Fire Centre

OPEN FIRE RESTRICTED WITHIN THE CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

WILLIAMS LAKE – Effective noon April 2, all open fires larger than one metre high and one metre wide are prohibited within the Cariboo Fire Centre’s jurisdiction until Sept. 30, 2010, or until the ban is lifted.

The prohibition is being implemented to limit the risk of a fire and for public safety. Specifically it refers to:

- Waste, slash or other burning, whether piled or unpiled, larger than one metre in height and one metre in width.
- More than two piles of waste, slash or other burning, whether piled or unpiled, of any size.
- Stubble or grass burning over any area.

The ban doesn’t apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to open fires, including campfires, that are one metre by one metre or smaller. Approved open fires used for resource management, such as ecosystem restoration, aren’t restricted under the prohibition.

The ban covers all BC Parks, Crown and private lands, but doesn’t extend within local government boundaries where municipal fire bylaws apply. Please check with local authorities for any restrictions before lighting a fire.

The Cariboo Fire Centre is experiencing a very dry spring, and the public is urged to be cautious with any open burning. Please ensure fires aren’t lit or kept burning during windy conditions, that adequate tools, water and people are on hand to contain a fire and that a fire is fully extinguished before leaving an area.

The Cariboo Fire Centre covers an area of about 10.3 million hectares, stretching from Clinton (Loon Lake) in the south, north to Cottonwood River just north of Quesnel, east to the western boundary of Wells Grey Provincial Park and west to the western boundary of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. A complete map of the restricted area is available at <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayBan.asp?ID=269#OpenFireBans>.

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

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