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## GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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### DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

No. 441

11 May 2007

#### PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASHES AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK-BURNS

I, Jabulani Isaac Sindane in my capacity as the Director-General 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 in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedule A hereto are subject to extraordinary fire hazards, I therefore-

1. direct that in the said areas and during the said periods indicated in the Schedule no person shall make a fire in the open air, or, if such fire has been made, allow it to burn or add fuel thereto, otherwise than-
  - (a) fires made within a demarcated picnic or camping area or caravan park or holiday resorts, but only at places within such an area have specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose: provided that such fires are properly extinguished with water and/or sand;
  - (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 from fires; and
  - (d) fire to facilitate the harvesting of sugarcane, which is to be allowed 18 :00 on Fridays to Saturdays 07 : 00 in the Zulu land interior areas ,as well as, 17 :00 on Sundays to 06 : 00 on Mondays
2. direct 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 2400 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): and in compliance with National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998)
3. direct that in the areas mentioned and during the period indicated in the Schedule, the clearing or maintenance of fire belts by burning is prohibited;
4. direct that in the areas mentioned and the period indicated in the Schedule, the execution of block burns 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 compliance with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998)

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.

  
JABULANI ISAAC SINDANE  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL