
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Open burning to be allowed in Cariboo Fire Centre

WILLIAMS LAKE – Effective at noon on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, Category 2 and Category 3 open fires will once again be allowed throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre’s jurisdiction, due to a decreased wildfire risk in the region.

The rescinding of these prohibitions applies to all BC Parks, Crown lands and private lands in the Cariboo Fire Centre, but does not apply within the boundaries of a local government that has forest fire prevention bylaws and is serviced by a fire department. Please check with local authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

The use of campfires, sky lanterns, binary exploding targets, air curtain burners, fireworks (including firecrackers), burning barrels and burning cages have been allowed in the Cariboo Fire Centre since Sept. 22, 2017.

A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online:

<http://ow.ly/znyy309Kjv5>

Anyone wishing to light a Category 3 open fire must obtain a burn registration number ahead of time by calling 1 888 797-1717 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A burn registration number is not required to light a Category 2 open fire.

Anyone who lights, fuels or uses a Category 2 or Category 3 open fire must comply with the Environmental Management Act and the open burning smoke control regulation. The act requires individuals to check local venting conditions prior to lighting a fire and ensure that conditions are favourable for burning. Local venting conditions can be obtained by calling 1 888 281-2992 or visiting: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/>

Further information, including a person’s legal obligations when conducting an open burn, can be found online: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans

The Cariboo Fire Centre stretches from Loon Lake near Clinton in the south to the Cottonwood River near Quesnel in the north and from Tweedsmuir Provincial Park in the west to Wells Gray Provincial Park in the east.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call *5555 on a cellphone or 1 800 663-5555 toll-free.

For up-to-date information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, call 1 888 3-Forest or visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

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