
GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

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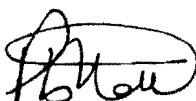
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PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK-BURNS

VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
(FORMERLY SOUTPANSBERG AREAS)

I, Pamela Bulelwa Yako, Director-General: 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 the State Forest in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedule A hereto are subject to extraordinary fire hazards. I therefore direct-

- (1) that in the said areas, no person shall from **1 August 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009**, make fire in the open air, or, if such a 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 which have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose: provided that such fires are properly extinguished with water and/or sand;
 - (b) fires for the preparations of food on residential stands;
 - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
 - (d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields: Provided that such fires may be made from 15h00 to 24h00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14h00 for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area;
 - (e) fires made for initiation school purposes, but only at places, which have been specially prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- (2) that in the said areas no person shall from **1 August 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009** destroy by burning slash originating from any timber plantation or self-sown exotic trees;
- (3) that in the said areas no person shall from **1 August 2009 up to and including 31 October 2009** clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: Provided that veld for range land management may be burnt from 15h00 to 24h00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14h00 for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area;



Ms Pam Yako

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY