TEMPORARY FIRE BAN

Due to the current condition of “high” fire danger rating in our regional area, the regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is implementing a TEMPORARY FIRE BAN.

Effective at noon on Friday, August 17th, 2012 and until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, fireworks, will be prohibited in the RDOS in conjunction with the municipalities of Penticton, Summerland, Oliver, Osoyoos, Princeton, Village of Keremeos, Hedley Improvement District and the Ministry of Forest and Range, BC Forest Service – Kamloops Fire Centre.

This open burning ban is in effect to protect public safety and to limit the risk of person-caused wildfires. This ban does not restrict fires in stoves using gas, propane or briquettes, but does restrict fires in portable wood burning fireplaces and campfires.

Anyone found in violation of an open fire ban, including campfires, may be issued a ticket for up to $345.00 per incident. Anyone who causes a wildfire through arson or recklessness may also be fined up to $1 million, spend up to three years in prison and be held accountable for associated firefighting costs.

The RDOS thanks the public in advance for their cooperation in complying with this temporary ban. For further information please contact Dale Kronebusch – Emergency Services Supervisor at (250) 490-4139 or go to http://bcwildfire.ca

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