

# First Fire Ban of 2011 issued in the Municipal District of Big Lakes due to extreme fire risk

(Municipal District of Big Lakes) – Due to extreme fire risk, dry conditions, the Municipal District of Big Lakes Fire Service has issued a fire ban effective at 8 AM today, May 18, 2011 and in effect until further notice.

## **FIRE BAN ORDER**

Pursuant to section 11 of the Municipal District of Big Lakes *FIRE SERVICES BYLAW 22-2007*, the Municipal District of Big Lakes does hereby direct that until further notice:

- a. all outdoor fires, including burning barrels and fire works, nor are recreational fire pits or charcoal barbecues allowed within Municipal District of Big Lakes
- b. fires, whether set without permission or under permit of the MD, be extinguished immediately within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Big Lakes
- c. fire permits are suspended and no new permits will be issued until the ban is lifted

This ban DOES NOT apply to:

- a. the use of propane or natural gas appliances, such as barbecues, is permitted
- b. fires contained within industrial facilities for operational purposes, is permitted

This order comes into effect at 08:00 hrs (8: a.m.) M.D.T. on the 18th day of May 2011 in the Municipal District of Big Lakes, in the Province of Alberta.

Any person violating conditions of this ban may be held liable for any damages and/or costs associated with extinguishing the fire and full prosecution with penalties, in accordance with Municipal District of Big Lakes *FIRE SERVICES BYLAW 22-2007* and/or the *Forest Prairie Protection Act RSA*. December 04, 2003.

Any changes in the situation will be announced at [www.mdbiglakes.ca](http://www.mdbiglakes.ca)

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