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Campfire Ban to be Re-implemented on August 1 - Parksville Fire Protection Area

PARKSVILLE, BC — Effective at noon on Friday, August 1, 2014, and until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, is banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. The fire protection area encompasses the City of Parksville, French Creek areas bordering the City of Parksville to the edge of the fire protection area at Johnston and Drew Roads, San Paniel, and Fourneau Road and Martindale Road areas.

This ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, tiki torches and burning barrels. The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus that do not meet these conditions are prohibited.

The Coastal Fire Centre is implementing this campfire ban due to increasing temperatures and no precipitation in the forecast. This is the second strong drying period of the summer, with lightning in the forecast through the long weekend. Public assistance is needed to reduce the number of human-caused fires and enable crews to respond to naturally occurring wildfires.

This prohibition will remain in place until October 15, 2014, or until the public is notified that it has been rescinded.

This ban has been implemented by the Fire Chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the BC Forest Service covering the South Coast. For the latest information on fire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at www.bcwildfire.ca.

To report an open fire call 250 248-3242. **To report a fire emergency call 911.**

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