



FOREST AREAS ONLY

RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, a **RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON** is imposed over the area of the **GERALDINE (Kakahu, Saddle Peak, Raincliff and Pioneer Park), WAIMATE, PENTLAND, ATHLONE FORESTS** and a 1km boundary surrounding same, effective midnight Wednesday 30 November 2011.

This area of restriction will be in force 365 days per year.

All landowners within this area will be notified in writing.

PERMITS REQUIRED

During the Restricted Fire Season it is an offence to light any fires in the open air unless a permit has been obtained with the exemption of:

1. Barbecues lit in properly constructed containers and fuelled with gas, solid or liquid fuel; and cooking fires at camping sites lit within a concrete or stone surround; all with not less than 3 metres of ground surrounding the container cleared of all combustible material.
2. Approved Incinerators used for the disposal of household rubbish with an area of not less than 3 metres cleared of all combustible material.

PROVIDED: that no such fires shall be lit when high or gusty winds are prevailing.

3. A ban on all fires on any day or days of extreme fire hazard as broadcast under Section 20 of the Act takes precedence over this notice.
4. In all cases, a person lighting a fire within these provisions shall remain in attendance at the fire until it is fully extinguished.
5. It is no legal defence against claims for damage caused by the fire that the fire was of type or lit at a time permitted by this notice.

PLEASE NOTE:

The above exemptions do not apply to the Te Moana Gorge Area.

For further information or permits within the above area please contact the South Canterbury Rural Fire District at the Timaru District Council Customer Services Reception at telephone 03 687 7200

24 hours notice is required for issue of permits. Inspections may be carried out to ensure landowner compliance with permit conditions.

Permittees are advised that the South Canterbury Rural Fire District has a policy of cost recovery wherever possible. In the permittee's own interest it is advisable to have public liability and fire suppression insurance suitable for the land conditions.

R A Hands
PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER

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