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## FIRE RESTRICTION IN EFFECT

Due to ongoing dry conditions, and increased risk of wildfire, the MD of Willow Creek has moved into a Fire Restriction. We appreciate the caution residents have shown with burning activities to date.

The recent loss of snow cover has exposed fine fuels such as cured grass and dry leaves, which can ignite easily and contribute to fast-moving wildfires. Fine danger is expected to remain high until the area receives significant rainfall or snowfall.

This means all Fire Permits have been suspended, and no new permits will be issued. Burn Barrels, incinerators and backyard fire pits that meet bylaw requirements are still allowed, and the MD of Willow Creek is asking that you use extreme caution when burning.

Please remember to revisit any previous burn sites to check for hotspots. If you see smoke or feel heat, the fire is still burning. Douse any remaining hotspots with water and stir up the ashes. A fire is not out until there is absolutely no heat coming from the ashes.

The MD may move into a Fire Ban with little to no notice so please check the MD of Willow Creek website and Alberta Fire Bans website for the most up-to-date information. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Services Department at 403-625-3351.

