

INDUSTRY BULLETIN 2015-10

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WILDLIFE HABITAT MAINTENANCE PRESCRIBED BURNING FOR PEACE REGION

The Wildlife Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is conducting more than 30 prescribed burns at multiple locations in the Peace Region between April 20 and June 7, weather permitting.

These controlled burns will cover approximately 15,000 hectares and will help meet wildlife management objectives by improving and maintaining winter range for wildlife such as moose, deer and elk, and promoting the growth of high-quality forage. The introduction of high-intensity prescribed burns in the spring is intended to help restore natural grasslands and habitat.

The burns will occur in several stages, depending on site readiness and weather conditions. The proposed burn sites include:

- Coldstream Creek, 35 km east of Chetwynd.
- Pine River, 32 km southwest of Fort St. John.
- Moberly River, 10 km southwest of Fort St. John.
- Murray River, 30 km east of Chetwynd.
- Salt Ridge & Halfmoon Creek, 35 km southwest of Dawson Creek.
- Belcourt Creek, 95 km southeast of Tumbler Ridge.

These prescribed burns may be visible from nearby communities such as Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge. They will be completed by the ministry's Wildlife Branch, in partnership with the Wildfire Management Branch.

Trained wildfire personnel will carefully monitor the fires at all times.

Maps outlining the prescribed burning locations include:

- Peace Lowlands
- South Peace
- Belcourt-Nekik

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact:

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