

FIRE RESTRICTIONS & NO OFF-ROADING



PIB EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (PIBEOC)



EFFECTIVE MAY 3, 2024 CATEGORY 3 FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND OFFROADING ACTIVITIES ARE NOW PROHIBITED

SPECIFICALLY, THIS RESTRICTION REFERS TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: "CATEGORY 3 OPEN FIRE" WHICH MEANS AN OPEN FIRE THAT BURNS

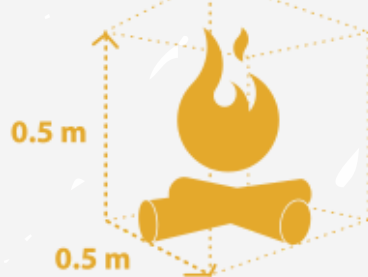
1. material concurrently in 3 or more piles each not exceeding 2 m in height and 3m in width,
2. material in one or more piles each exceeding 2m in height or 3 m in width,
3. one or more windrows, each not exceeding 200m in length or 15 m in width, or
4. stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 ha.

Before lighting any fire, member should check to see if any other burning restrictions are in effect.

The Penticton Indian Band Chief and Council and EOC authorize the Fire Department to attend any reported fire, within any property and put out any open flame for the safety of the Community.

The cultural practice of ceremonial fires in the event of a passing and food preservation will be respected. Please contact the Penticton Indian Band Administrator, Chief Greg Gabriel or the Penticton Indian Band Fire Department, Interim Fire Chief Chris Ingle to discuss fire smart practices to ensure the continued Community Safety against wildfire.

The Fire Ban will be reviewed by the Penticton Indian Band Chief and Council in the coming months.



EFFECTIVE MAY 3, 2023 THERE IS A BAN ON ALL OFFROADING ACTIVITIES!!!!

SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

1. ATV'ing in back country/off main roads
2. SxS'ing in back country / off main roads
3. Motorcycling in back country/off main roads
4. Driving in back country/off main roads



The Okanagan area is experiencing an early dry spring and we anticipate that we will have a very dry summer. These types of temperatures quickly dry out vegetation and significantly increase the threat of fire caused by:

1. Tire rims hitting rocks and producing sparks
2. Hot exhausts touching dry vegetation
3. Smokeable substances being thrown out of vehicles or put out carelessly

Please be advised that, motorized vehicles, particularly all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes, can produce a significant amount of heat from their exhaust systems. This heat can be enough to create a spark and a cause a wildfire. PLEASE Avoid operating any motorized vehicle in tall grass and vegetation when the weather is hot and dry.

This ban will be in effect on Friday May 3rd, 2024 and be reviewed in the coming months. We must work together to keep our community safe from the threat of fire. We are stronger together.

TO REPORT ANY FIRES, DANGERS, SMOKE OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES PLEASE CALL 911.

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