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FIRE BULLETIN #14

The Wildfire Program of Manitoba Sustainable Development advises that due to high wildfire danger levels, burning permits have been cancelled for the central and eastern regions of Manitoba.

New burning permits will not be issued until conditions improve. Fires are permitted in approved fire pits.

Local municipalities may also implement burning bans or fire restrictions. Check with local municipal offices for information.

Fire crews continue to make good progress containing the wildfires on the Manitoba/Ontario border and work continues on hot areas. The removal of sprinklers and other suppression equipment is ongoing.

Evacuation orders for Nora and Florence lakes remain in effect at this time, as crews continue to work on fallen and fire damaged trees in these areas. The Mantario trail remains closed.

Cottagers and area residents can call 204-345-1444 to get up-to-date information about fires in the eastern region.

Manitoba Sustainable Development, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Southeast Whiteshell Fire Department and the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner continue co-operative suppression efforts on border area wildfires.

In Manitoba, a total of 60 wildfires have been recorded to date. The average for this date is 104.

For further general information on the fire status, maps, travel restrictions, burning permit cancellations or other restrictions go to www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/ or follow the Twitter account at www.twitter.com/mbgovnews.

For information on road restrictions in Ontario, call 1-807-937-7375 or 705-266-4560. Questions about the fire situation in northwestern Ontario can be directed to 1-807-937-7375.

To report a wildfire, call 911 or the T.I.P. line (toll-free) at 1-800-782-0076. The T.I.P. line is dedicated for reporting fires. All other inquiries should be directed to the other phone lines noted above.

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