



# MTFC PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE RED FLAG WARNING

## With a possible thunderstorm on Sunday

Friday, August 4, 2017

**A FIRE FLAG WARNING means** that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now, or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity and hot temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.

Hot, dry conditions combined with breezy north wind increases the potential for new fires and could severely impact property, natural resources, and the lives of residents, livestock, pets, and wildlife.

Today, the Red Flag Warning remains in effect from 10 am to 9 pm **for Okanogan Valley**. While smoke from major fires in Canada and surrounding areas continue to have a major impact to air quality.

As weekend visitors travel to our lakes, rivers and forests. It is important to be aware of your surroundings when setting up your camp. A possible thunderstorm is forecasted for Sunday.

Due to the potential of new fires starts we recommend:

- NO off road driving;
- NO outdoor burning including camp fire and fire pits;
- Drive on designated road use extreme caution due to smoke.
- Completely extinguish cigarettes before disposing of them and do not toss them out the window of your vehicle.



**We want you to have a safe summer so please be responsible. Fires are dangerous, expensive and can be prevented.**



### Burn Permits:

Traditional burn permits will be allow for **FUNERALS ONLY**. Call Mt. Tolman Fire Center for a permit.

## QUICK FACTS:

### Weather Conditions:

- Temperatures: Mid - Upper 90's
- North Wind: 10 - 20 mph with gusts up to 35 mph.
- Relative humidity: 10 - 17 percent.

### Impacts:

Hot, dry, and windy conditions along with low relative humidity will promote rapid spread of new or existing fires.

### Recommendations:

NO off road driving  
NO outdoor burning including camp fires  
Completely extinguish cigarettes before disposing of them.

### Allowed Burn Permits:

Traditional burn permits will be granted on a case by case basis. Call Mt. Tolman Fire Center for a request.

### Emergency contacts:

- For emergencies contact Tribal Police at Police at 509-634-2472, 911 or 800-551-5800.
- For wildfire Information contact Mt. Tolman Fire Center at 509-634-3100.



When the fire danger is "VERY HIGH", fires will start easily from most causes. The fires will spread rapidly and have a quick increase in intensity, right after ignition. Small fires can quickly become large fires and exhibit extreme fire intensity, such as long-distance spotting and fire whirls. These fires can be difficult to control and will often become much larger and longer-lasting fires.

When the fire danger is "EXTREME", fires of all types start quickly and burn intensely. All fires are potentially serious and can spread very quickly with intense burning. Small fires become big fires much faster than at the "very high" level. Spot fires are probable, with long-distance spotting likely. These fires are very difficult to fight and may become very dangerous and often last for several days.