

Press release

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FIRE BAN IN OR NEAR THE FOREST

Quebec City, May 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - The Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs has decided to prohibit open fires in or near the forest, due to the current conditions. This decision, taken in collaboration with the Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU), results in a ban that comes into effect on **May 7 at 8 a.m.**

The sectors targeted by this measure correspond to the following RCMs and

territories: ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE: Témiscamingue (85).

MAURICIE: Mékinac (35), Shawinigan (36), Trois-Rivières (371), Les Chenaux (372), Maskinongé (51).

NATIONAL CAPITAL: Île-d'Orléans (20), Québec (23), Portneuf (34).

BAS-SAINT-LAURENT: Rivière-du-Loup (12), Kamouraska (14).

OUTAOUAIS: Papineau (80), Gatineau (81), Les Collines-de-l'Outaouais (82), La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau (83), Pontiac (84).

LAURENTIDES: Deux-Montagnes (72), Thérèse-De Blainville (73), Mirabel (74), La Rivière-du-Nord (75), Argenteuil (76), Les Pays-d'en-Haut (77), Les Laurentides (78), Antoine-Labelle (79).

LANAUDIÈRE: D'Autray (52), L'Assomption (60), Joliette (61), Matawinie (62), Montcalm (63), Les Moulins (64).

CHAUDIÈRE-APPALACHES: L'Islet (17), Montmagny (18), Bellechasse (19), Lévis (251), La Nouvelle-Beauce (26), Robert-Cliche (27), Les Etchemins (28), Beauce-Sartigan (29), Les Appalaches (31), Lotbinière (33).

CENTRE-DU-QUÉBEC: L'Érable (32), Bécancour (38), Arthabaska (39), Drummond (49), Nicolet-Yamaska (50).

MONTÉRÉGIE: Acton (48), Pierre-De Saurel (53), Les Maskoutains (54), Rouville (55), Le Haut-Richelieu (56), La Vallée-du-Richelieu (57), Longueuil (58), Marguerite-D'Youville (59), Roussillon (67), Les Jardins-de-Napierville (68), Le Haut-Saint-Laurent (69), Beauharnois-Salaberry (70), Vaudreuil-Soulanges (71).

ESTRIE: Le Granit (30), Les Sources (40), Le Haut-Saint-François (41), Le Val-Saint-François (42), Sherbrooke (43), Coaticook (44), Memphrémagog (45), Brome-Missisquoi (46), La Haute-Yamaska (47).

LAVAL: Laval (65).

MONTREAL: Montreal (66).

To view the map of the area, visit: www.sopfeu.gc.ca

Currently, there are two active fires in Quebec. Since the beginning of the protection season, 69 forest fires have affected 73.5 hectares. The average for the last ten years at the same date is 81 fires for an area of 58.8 hectares.

Everyone's cooperation is essential to ensure that the ban on open fires in the forest is respected. The purpose of this measure is to limit the risk of forest fires. Under section 239 of the Sustainable Forest Development Act (chapter A-18.1), anyone who contravenes an order prohibiting open fires in or near a forest or any other measure issued by the Minister is liable, in addition to paying costs, to a fine.

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Source:

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