



MEDIA RELEASE

Ruapehu District Council

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OPEN FIRE SEASON FROM MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 13 MARCH

From midnight Sunday 13 March 2011 all fire restrictions placed over the Ruapehu District will be lifted and replaced with an Open Fire Season.

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) Principal Rural Fire Officer, Noel Mingins, said that the lifting of the 'Restricted' fire status meant that anyone wanting to light a fire in the open no longer needed to first obtain a permit from the council.

"Although Ruapehu now has an Open fire status people should note that the exception is the DOC estate which is always under a restricted fire status and as such a permit is always required for any fires on DOC land or on any land within a 1km radius adjoining the DOC estate," he said.

"Anyone lighting a fire in the open should continue to take extreme care."

"Information on fire safety and tips for the safe lighting of open air fires can obtain it from their nearest council office."

Mr Mingins said that council wanted to thank the public for the care and common sense that they displayed with respect to fire over the summer period.

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