

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
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BC Wildfire Service

### **Smoke from pile burning to be visible in Joe Rich area**

KELOWNA – The BC Wildfire Service is planning to burn about 10 piles of woody debris in the Joe Rich area, on top of the ridge west of the Philpott Forest Service Road. Smoke may be visible from nearby communities.

These burns are scheduled to start on Monday, Oct. 26, 2020 and will be concluded by the end of December 2020. The exact timing of the burns will depend on weather, site and venting conditions, and on snowfall. The burns will proceed only if conditions are suitable and will allow for quick smoke dissipation.

Staff from the BC Wildfire Service will carefully prepare, control and monitor these fires at all times.

The burns are being conducted to help rehabilitate areas affected by firefighting operations related to the Philpott Road wildfire, which burned 465 hectares in August 2017. Removing these piles of debris will help reduce wildfire threats in this area in the future. The rehabilitation goals include re-establishing vegetation and reducing the threat of erosion in affected areas.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, please call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a cellphone.

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