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From: [Gary Buchanan](#)

To: [Jon Hodal](#)

Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2007 5:02 PM

Subject: RE: Little Bow Resort Fire Ban

Jon:

We canvassed the Fire Chiefs yesterday and 5 of the 6 still want the fire ban in place.

While we recognize that some rain has fallen, some areas have received very little rain. (While the Brant area got 2 inches on Sunday, much of the County received very little rain; Carmangay received only 0.2 inches.) Also, the forecast is for more warm, dry weather over the next 3-5 days. (Lightning on Saturday caused a number of fires north and east of Vulcan.)

I discussed the fire ban with the Reeve and Deputy Reeve today and both support a continued ban.

Given the forecast, the opinions of the fire chiefs, and the political awareness of the situation, the fire ban remains in place.

(Please note that the Provincial Park is outside of the jurisdiction of the County, and as such, is exempt from our fire ban. If it was not exempt the County fire ban would apply to them.)

While we appreciate the enjoyment that an 'end of summer fire' brings, we request that everyone comply with the fire ban.

Thanks

Gary Buchanan

County Administrator

From: Jon Hodal

August 28, 2007 7:50 AM

To: Gary Buchanan

Subject: Little Bow Resort Fire Ban

Hi Gary,

I just spoke with Darren at the Lomond Fire Department and he said that we would still have a fire ban for the long weekend. The Resort was requesting that we remove this for the long weekend to allow residents one fire before the end of the summer. He said it would be up the county. As you can understand, it is difficult to enforce a no fire rule when the provincial park is allowed fires. Our residents have abided by the no fire rule since July 19 (We turned our Fire Ban on earlier than the County as it was too dangerous) The Board was suggesting that we allow fires providing they are small and never left unattended, a fire extinguisher nearby and that the fire is extinguished with water afterwards. We would like to have this in place on Saturday and Sunday night only. The Resort has had a moderate amount of rain bringing us from extreme to a moderate risk. Our grass has greened up and started growing again. The only risk factor still involved would be the high winds the Resort sometimes get. If we get high winds most residents will opt to not have a fire anyway.

It's your call, please email my home email address as I am at the lake or you can call my cell phone (403)xxx-xxxx as I have a booster at the lake.

Thanks

Jon Hodal

Little Bow Resort President