Christchurch City Council

NOTIFICATION OF LIFTING OF PROHIBITED FIRE SEASON

(Imposed Pursuant to section 22(2) of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977)

CHRISTCHURCH CITY RURAL FIRE AREA INCLUDING BANKS PENINSULA

Notice is hereby given that the prohibited fire season currently imposed by the Christchurch City Council over the rural fire area for which the Council is the Fire Authority is lifted from midnight Saturday, 18th April 2015 to be replaced by an **OPEN FIRE SEASON**.

Fires may now be lit in the open air in rural areas without permit. Restrictions may be reimposed at a later date if weather conditions create a potentially dangerous fire situation.

All residents are requested to take care when lighting open fires. Before lighting fires in the open air, careful consideration must be given to weather conditions, adequacy of fire breaks, availability of water, and the patrolling of fires until completely out. Fires are not to be left burning after dark.

NOTE: Resource Consent conditions imposed by Environment Canterbury may still apply. Property owners within the Department of Conservation Fire Safety Margin require a permit all year round. Relevant authorities should be contacted prior to any burning.

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