



Remembering where we came from...

Lower Similkameen Indian Band

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TOTAL FIRE BAN – LSIB TERRITORIES

Effective at 12:00pm today, July 12th, 2024, Lower Similkameen Indian Band is declaring a fire ban on all LSIB territories. This includes campfires. It also includes, but is not limited to, burn barrels, burn cages, tiki torches, fireworks, sky lanterns, air curtain burners, and chimineas.

Since 2018, LSIB lands, including timber, animals, birds, and fish, have been severely affected by wildfire and its legacy. These disastrous fires include the Crater Complex fires, Eagle Bluff fire (Kilpoola), Keremeos Creek fire, & Kobau Mountain fire.

With the current drought in the LSIB territories we cannot stand by while the chance of further fires and future damage can be mitigated by cautious, prudent, and ecologically backed wisdom.

It is with that knowledge and the memories of past wildfires that we make this decision.

The sole exception will be ceremony. If ceremony is needed to usher one of our brethren onward, it will be under the strict guidelines of tradition and under the 24-hour care of our FireKeepers. Our FireKeepers will be equipped with tools needed to extinguish the fire if there is no other option.

As caretakers of the lands, we must stand with our people, our neighbours, and our partners, in making sure we are doing what we can to be the best caretakers.

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Chief, Councilors, and Management,
Lower Similkameen Indian Band