



News Release – For Immediate Release Friday, October 27, 2017

FireSmart work in sections of South and Southeast of County begins next week

Starting Tuesday, October 31 until late-November (weather permitting), contractors will begin FireSmart work on crown land in the area south and southeast of Grande Prairie. The FireSmart work involves burning approximately 24.4 hectares of dead and dying pine stands and debris.

Residents and businesses in the areas can expect to see and smell smoke over the duration of the project.

“The work being completed is part of the County’s Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, a plan which aims to safely and effectively reduce and minimize the impacts caused by wildfires,” said Ken Atamanchuk, Fire Marshal. “This work will also reduce the fuel load in pine stands that were previously infested by the Mountain Pine Beetle.”

Burning will be taking place on crown land in the following areas:

- Northeast of Evergreen Park and south of the residential subdivisions of Pine Valley, Maple Grove and Taylor Estates
- South of the residential subdivisions of Taylor Estates, Maple Ridge and Willowood Estates
- South of Wedgewood in a section of the County Industrial Park off Highway 668 and Resources Road/Range Road 60A

This FireSmart project is being managed by the County and jointly funded by the County and the provincial government as part of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant Program and in partnership with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (formerly Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development).

For more information on FireSmart programs please visit www.countygp.ab.ca/fire, www.wildfire.alberta.ca, and/or www.aep.alberta.ca. For more information, contact Ken Atamanchuk, County Fire Marshal at 780-532-9727.

-30-

Media Contact:

Ken Atamanchuk
County Fire Marshal
780-532-9727