



NEWS RELEASE
Update #5
Friday, May 4, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

The Rural Municipality (RM) of Piney is currently working with Manitoba Emergency Management Organization, Manitoba Sustainable Development and the Office of the Fire Commissioner in coordinating firefighting efforts in the Carrick, Badger and Florze area. The following is the most current information available through the RM of Piney Emergency Operations Centre (Vassar, MB) as of 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 4th.



(Provided by Manitoba Sustainable Development's FireView 2018 website map)

- The RM of Piney's State of Emergency order will remain in effect until conditions warrant lifting the order. The order is in place to prompt action to prevent harm or damage to the safety, health or

welfare of persons located within the boundaries of the RM and to prevent damage to property within those boundaries.

- Fire# EA015 (RM of Piney fire) has burned a large area and consumed approximately 4,798 hectares of forested land and hasn't grown in the last 24 hours. Fire #EA015 is still listed as out of control. (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Fire-Maps/fireview/fireview.html>)
- No evacuations have taken place.
- Weather conditions have slowed the fires progress and have assisted Manitoba Sustainable Development's efforts to control the fire and protect property. Forecasted weather conditions appear less favourable and remain a concern. Extreme caution is necessary to protect from the development of new fires in the area.



- Manitoba Sustainable Development continues to work on the perimeter of the burn area, focused on the protection of the community of Badger and property west of Whitemouth Lake. Thermal scanning was used this morning to identify areas of concern. Interior scans are set to begin Saturday May 5, 2018.

- The RM of Piney Fire Service continues to provide valuable assistance by monitoring developments in the fire activity. The RM Fire Services have returned to base stations and remains prepared if the situation worsens.
- Manitoba Sustainable Development has issued a LEVEL 1 FIRE AND TRAVEL RESTRICTION for all motorized vehicles including ATVs, dirt bikes, etc. on all back country roads from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. effective immediately and until further notice.
(www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Restrictions/index.html)
- A COMPLETE BURN BAN is in effect. There are no fires permitted in the RM of Piney including burn barrels, fire pits and open fires. The Burn Ban will be in effect until further notice.
- For safety reasons, individuals are asked not to travel in the area. Provincial Road 203 was reopened between Badger and Carrick, but the RM advises caution as fire fighters are working in the area.

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