



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Update #1**  
**Tuesday, April 30, 2018, 3:25 p.m.**

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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 3:25 p.m., Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, due to the active wild land fires and extremely high forest fire hazards

- Effective immediately, the RM of Piney has declared a State of Emergency in order 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.
- Manitoba Sustainable Development Fire Status Report indicates that Fire# EA015 (RM of Piney fire) has consumed over 1000 hectares.



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- 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.
- 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.
- The Office of the Fire Commissioner along with Manitoba Sustainable Development will be in Badger today to complete a fire risk assessment to determine Value Protection Needs.
- For safety reason, individuals are asked not to travel in the area. Please refrain from travelling any back roads and fire guard roads to take pictures or videos or to observe the firefighting activity. Hwy 203 is still closed between Badger and Carrick.

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