

Wildland Fire – May 12th, 2021

Update #14

The RM of Piney remains under a State of Local Emergency and Council has issued a complete burn ban. The wildland fire remains uncontained and active. Current weather conditions are not favourable and there is little moisture in the forecast. To date, no structures have been lost to the wildland fire; crews continue to focus on value protection on those properties greatest at risk.

Wednesday, May 12th 2021 is progressing positively. The amount of visible smoke has decreased and the Provincial fire crews have been able to hold the situation. Weather conditions are still dry, resulting in extreme fire risk. The public is advised to adhere to the fire bans, travel restrictions and use caution. Numerous fires have started throughout the province over the past 24 hours placing lives and property at risk.

The Sandilands Main Market Road remains closed and will likely remain closed for the next few days, as crews continue to utilize this road for access to the burn area.

A complete burn ban for the RM of Piney is now in place. No burning of any solid fuel is permitted; this includes campfires, burn barrels and outdoor stoves. Only propane barbeques and propane fire pits are permitted.

The RM of Piney will utilize our E-Newsletter to provide regular updates. Go to the RM of Piney website at www.rmofpiney.mb.ca to subscribe to the E-Newsletter. We encourage those not using Facebook to subscribe to our E-Newsletter. The RM also regularly updates the municipal information line at 204-437-2845.

The Municipality remains confident in the efforts completed to protect lives and private property. Should the situation change, and there is the need to notify residents, the RM shall start actively notifying those affected by the change in events. The communities of Sandilands, Woodridge and St. Labre are not at risk. Travel to properties in these communities is permitted.

The RM will provide another update May 13th, 2021 at 11:00 am, unless there is a change in the risk to the public.