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Wildland Fire Conditions Extreme in the NWT

FORT SMITH (June 1, 2010) – Forests throughout the Northwest Territories (NWT) are extremely dry, with all regions reporting high to extreme fire conditions. The potential for wildland fires are higher than usual for this time of year in all parts of the NWT.

At the same time, the numbers of man-made forest fires have been rising in the NWT. Many of the fires caused by people are started by campfires.

People are asked to take care when travelling on the land and camping. Make sure all campfires are totally out before leaving them.

The forest is expected to remain very dry for the forthcoming weeks and every campfire could be a potential forest fire. In these conditions, even a cigarette left burning on the ground could start a forest fire.

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