



Notice of Intent to Burn Open Space Zone 1 And Open Space Zone 2 areas in the Overstrand

Overstrand Municipality

01 August 2019 - 31 July 2020

Chapters 4 and 5 of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998)

Overstrand Municipality hereby notifies Interested and Affected Parties of the intention to burn ageing and overgrown vegetation in Overstrand area as indicated in table 1.

In an effort to reduce the impact of veld fires, Overstrand Fire and Disaster Management in cooperation with Overstrand Environmental Services, embark on a program to reduce fuels loads (aged /overgrown vegetation) with the aim of better managing out of control veld fires and stimulating natural growth succession.

The identified prescribed block burns are dependent on season and weather conditions which are conducive for the burning of firebreaks or blocks. Fire safety is of utmost importance and the program will be adapted in order to maintain safe burning conditions. This means that each prescribed burn will be carefully assessed by a committee consisting of Overstrand Fire and Disaster, Overstrand Environmental Services, Cape Nature and Grater Overberg Fire Protection Association (goFPA). A Strict criteria will be followed to ensure a safe and successful burn, should some of these identified block burns not take place it will stand over to the following year. Please note that areas will be burnt to create a natural mosaic patter as such other areas of importance will be burnt in consecutive years.

Table 1: Identified prescribed block burns (maps of identified areas are available at the Overstrand Municipal's website, www.overstrand.gov.za)

Town	Property	Veld Age	Area (m2)	Burn ID
Rooi-Els	211	10 years +	17 044	CBKM0001
Rooi-Els	212	10 years +	11 877	CBKM0002
Betty's Bay	Portion of 2002	10 years +	648 613	CBKM0004
Betty's Bay	Portion of 2696	10 years +	89 072	CBKM0025
Betty's Bay	Portion of 2696	10 years +	56 849	CBKM0026
Kleinmond	Portion of 5504	10 years +	71 476	CBKM0009
Hemel and Aarde Valley	Portion of 585/3	4 years +	24 211	CBHR0005
Hemel and Aarde Valley	Portion of 585/3	10 years +	34 526	CBHR0007
Fernkloof	Portion of 243	10 years +	19 639	CBFR0013
Fernkloof	Portion of 4771	10 years +	42 225	CBFR0018
Fernkloof	Portion of 4771	10 years +	62 988	CBFR0019
Fernkloof	Portion of 4771	10 years +	44 988	CBFR0020
Fernkloof	Portion of 4833	10 years +	112 448	CBFR0024
Stanford	Portion of 294	10 years +	293 329	CBGB0002
Gansbaai	1071	10 years +	84 769	CBGB0006
Gansbaai	1071	10 years +	41 460	CBGB0007
Gansbaai	1071	10 years +	95 653	CBGB0009

Gansbaai	1071	10 years +	32 379	CBGB0010
Gansbaai	Portion of 210 and 116	10 years +	110 997	CBGB0015
Gansbaai	Portion of 210 and 116	10 years +	105 496	CBGB0016
Pearly Beach	Portion of 321/0 and 1896	10 years +	3 413 248	CBGB0050
Pearly Beach	Portion of 1893	10 years +	44 610	CBGB0046
TOTAL			5 457 897	
TOTAL Hectares			545.79 Hectares	

All vehicles, ground crews, equipment and aerial support will be under the control of the Incident Commander at the Command Centre. The programme will be adapted according to weather conditions which promote the health and safety of participants and residents. All surrounding roads shall be a controlled and restricted access area for the duration of the burn and for 48 hours thereafter. Access shall be restricted to residents of the affected area only. Pedestrians and vehicles must ensure a safe working environment for fire response units at all times. All persons present shall be under the control of the Chief Fire Officer and delegated fire officer. The decision of the Chief Fire Officer is final. Note that it is an offense in terms of Sections 25 (6) of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 to disregard the instructions of the Chief Fire Officer or designated officials. All offenders will be prosecuted.

By Order: Mr. C. Groenewald (Municipal Manager) / Mr. L. Smith (Chief Fire Officer)

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