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Open Fire Restriction Canceled on the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

An Emergency Order issued on June 21, 2015 prohibited all open fires due to the extreme fire danger. Recent weather has reduced the ignition potential for wildfires. The Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge is canceling all open fires restriction effective August 20, 2015.

Wildfires continue to burn on the Refuge but recent precipitation has lessened fire danger and wildfire activity to the moderate level. Conditions remain dry in the deeper vegetative layers and it will take significant rain to extinguish these fires. With that in mind, it is important to use caution with regard to anything that could spark a wildfire, especially campfires.

You are responsible for the fires you start. Please follow these safety guidelines to completely extinguish your fire:

- Allow the wood to burn to ash if possible.
- Pour water on the fire and extinguish all embers.
- Stir wet ashes and embers with a shovel and extinguish all hot embers.
- Scrape any remaining logs to remove embers.
- Make sure everything is cold to touch.
- If you do not have water, use dirt or sand by mixing in with embers.
- Do not bury the fire as it will continue to smolder and may start a wildfire.
- Never leave a fire of any kind unattended.

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