

# Kananaskis Area PRESCRIBED FIRE UPDATE JULY 07, 2010



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Three prescribed fires are planned in Kananaskis Country this summer and fall, if weather and ground conditions permit.

The 400 hectare Evan-Thomas prescribed fire is located in the Elbow-Sheep Wildland Provincial Park, approximately 5 km southeast of Kananaskis Village. The 950 hectare Buller Creek and 600 hectare Mt. Nestor prescribed fires are located in the Bow Valley Wildland and Spray Valley provincial parks, approximately 20 km south of Canmore.



The first of these projects will occur in the Buller Creek area. Much of the guard work there has already been completed. Guard work involves site preparation that can help control the direction and intensity of the fire, and usually includes thinning trees and removal of 'understorey' or ground vegetation. Part of the guard work for Buller Creek also includes burning (similar to that pictured.)

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Guard burning at Buller Creek will commence Friday, July 9, 2010. [Buller Creek prescribed fire map](#)

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## WHY?

By imitating wildfire in a controlled manner, these prescribed fires will:

- help protect nearby communities from the threat of future wildfires in the area,
- restore the diversity of the vegetation,
- improve and expand wildlife habitat and
- remove prime pockets of potential mountain pine beetle habitat.

These prescribed fires are being conducted by the Government of Alberta.

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## HOW THIS MIGHT AFFECT YOU:

During operations, firefighters, aircraft and equipment may be seen nearby. Open flame and smoke may also be visible. Every effort will be made to minimize the impact to backcountry users and nearby communities, however some areas may be temporarily closed to ensure public safety.

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