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Summer Village of Waiparous completes successful prescribed burn

April 20, 2016 – The Summer Village of Waiparous FireSmart Committee completed a successful prescribed burn on approximately 1.5 hectares of the public lands located adjacent to the summer village’s west boundary and the MD of Bighorn Ghost Country Place and also along the north road right-of-way of Highway 40 on the west side of the summer village. The prescribed burn was conducted on April 16, 2016 under the professional guidance of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry wildfire experts (Calgary Office) and with the assistance of the Ghost River Fire Department, Agriculture & Forestry Fire crew, Waiparous resident volunteers and Gord Kut Water Service. There were 26 active participants in the prescribed burn.

Weather conditions coincided adequately to achieve the desired result and kept the smoke issues to a minimal level. The burn crew arrived at 10:00 am and the burn was completed by 5:00 pm. Prior to dismantling the portable on-site water storage tank, the burn sites were monitored throughout the weekend and into Monday to ensure there was no smoldering.

Prescribed burns are intentionally set and professionally managed fires that burn across a pre-determined area under strictly controlled circumstances in order to reduce the fire hazards created from dried grass thatch. Burning only occurs under specific weather conditions that will allow a safe, controlled fire.

The Summer Village of Waiparous and the FireSmart Committee would like to thank all nearby residents for their understanding and the MD of Bighorn, Ghost River Fire Department, Agriculture and Forestry fire crew, resident volunteers and Gord Kut Water Service for their tremendous cooperation and assistance.

This is the first prescribed burn to be conducted in the Summer Village of Waiparous.

For more information on the prescribed burn at Waiparous, attend the FireSmart Preparedness Day event on Saturday May 7, 2016, noon – 3:00 pm at the Community Services Facility in Waiparous.

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