



DCR Firewood during Wildfire Season

Operating a power saw (cutting firewood) is considered a high risk activity.

Under the *Wildfire Act* (Section 6) "a person who carries out a high risk activity on or within 300m of forest land or grass land on or after March 1 and before November 1, unless the area is snow covered, must determine the Fire Danger Class for the location of the activity".

Under [Section 6](#) of the Wildfire Regulation, those conducting high risk activities are required to use representative weather data to determine the fire danger rating for their location. To do so:

- Go to www.bcwildfire.ca
- Select **Current Wildfire Activity**
- Select **View Fire Danger**
- Scroll to bottom of page and select **Coastal Fire Center**
- On the **Danger Class Report** page, review weather station data for your firewood location at either **MENZIES CAMP, QUINSAM BASE FWX (TRIAL)** or **WOSS**

Once you know what the fire danger rating is at your proposed location of operation, reference Schedule 3 ([Restrictions on High Risk Activities](#)) of the Wildfire Regulation to find out if there are any restrictions on how and when you can conduct a high risk activity.

If you have questions about high risk activities, please contact the **Coastal Fire Center at 250-951-4209**.

The following chart outlines the restrictions that may exist on a high risk activity.

SCHEDULE 3 - RESTRICTIONS ON HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES

(As per Wildfire Regulation consolidated July 13, 2006)

Column 1 Fire Danger Class (DGR)	Column 2 Restriction	Column 3 Duration
III (moderate)	After 3 consecutive days of DGR III or greater, maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of one hour.	Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR III.
IV (high)	Maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of 2 hours.	Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR III.
After 3 consecutive days of DGR IV, cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT (Pacific Daylight Savings Time) and sunset each day.	Until after the fire danger class falls to DGR III for 2 consecutive days, or falls below DGR III.	
V (extreme)	Cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT (Pacific Daylight Savings Time) and sunset each day and maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of 2 hours.	Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR IV for 2 or more consecutive days.
After 3 consecutive days of DGR V, cease activity all day.	Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR V for 3 or more consecutive days, or falls below DGR IV.	

Column 1 identifies the three fire danger ratings for which there are restrictions: Danger Class III (moderate), IV (high) and V (extreme). Note: There are no restrictions on high risk activities when the fire danger rating is I (Very Low) or II (Low).

Column 2 details restrictions for the various danger classes. For example, if the fire danger rating goes to IV (high), proponents of a high risk activity must "Maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of 2 hours". If the fire danger rating remains high for three consecutive days, a person carrying out a high risk activity must "cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT and sunset each day".

Column 3 describes the length of time that restrictions on high risk activities are in effect. For example, a person carrying out a high risk activity must "Maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of 2 hours" until "after the fire danger rating falls below Danger Class III", or in other words, until after the fire danger rating goes down to II (low).