

Message from the Alberta Fish & Game Association President concerning Wildfire:

The tragic events that have unfolded this past week with the wildfire in Fort McMurray have been difficult to watch and have touched all Albertans, and indeed Canadians, in one way or another. It warms my heart to see how the citizens of this province stand up to support their fellow Albertans in a time of such need. The effects of this event will take a long time to recover from but as Albertans we know that we are resilient and that recovery will be made. Yesterday, Alberta Environment and Parks Minister Shannon Phillips declared a Province wide fire ban and a request to voluntarily avoid, or at the very least, minimize the use of Off Highway Vehicles in the back country. AFGA asks that we respectfully honour this request and in so doing avoid the creation of any need to re-deploy critical firefighting assets away from Fort McMurray. I would also ask that we be considerate of those that have been displaced from their homes and assist them in any way that we can, through donations of basic day to day needs or through cash donations to the Canadian Red Cross that will be matched by both the Provincial and Federal Governments.

As members of Alberta Fish and Game Association, I know that we can be relied on to assist our fellow Albertans at this time of need. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to go out to those in need.

Respectfully,

Wayne Lowry, President, on behalf of AFGA