

Parks Canada Update - Cancelled - Amyot Trail Prescribed Fire

Plans for a spring prescribed fire in the Amyot Trail area in Prince Albert National Park are cancelled as of May 10, 2019. Weather and environmental conditions in the unit were assessed today and they did not meet the criteria identified in the approved prescribed fire plan. Over the past week, a mix of snow, rain, and cool temperatures in the park caused an increase in fuel moisture and environmental conditions that are not favourable for a successful prescribed fire.

The prescription window for a spring prescribed fire can be short, requiring a specific set of weather and forest drying conditions to take place between the melting of snow and the leafing out of forest plants and trees such as trembling aspen. Once green-up begins and spring rains begin to fall, the plants and forest floor hold too much moisture and prescribed fire is too difficult to successfully ignite and carry through the fuels to achieve the intended objectives.

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