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IMPACT BASED WARNING issue :09:35 on Sat 26 Oct 2024

VELD FIRE WARNING FOR FDI > 75

WARNING valid Sat 26 Oct 08:00 Until Sun 27 Oct 18:00

Affected DM / LM / Metro area

Beaufort West, Hantam, Karoo Hoogland, Khâi-Ma

Short Message

are expected over Khai-Ma, Hantam and Karoo Hoogland municipalities (N.Cape) today as well as over Beaufort West Municipality (W.Cape) tomorrow (26-27/10/2024).

Discussion

The hot temperatures along with dry conditions and strong winds can result in the development of runaway and veld/bush fires.

Impacts

Conditions are such that the FDI index is above 75. Under these conditions fires may develop and spread rapidly resulting in damage to property and possible loss of human and/or animal life.

Instruction

All personnel and equipment should be removed from the field. Fire teams, labour and equipment are to be placed on full stand-by. At first sign of smoke, every possible measure should be taken in order to bring the fire under control in the shortest possible time. All available aircraft are to be called for without delay.