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Subject Notification of Environmental Registry Posting of proposed  
Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation: A Guidebook  
in support of Provincial Policy Statement, 2014

*This email is being sent on behalf of Jason Travers.*

I am pleased to inform you that the document entitled *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation: A Guidebook in support of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 - DRAFT* (draft *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Guidebook* ) has been prepared by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), to support the implementation of the wildland fire policy in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 (PPS, 2014).

The document is posted on the Environmental Registry ([www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca), ER posting number 012-7075) for a 45 day period, which extends until July 22, 2016.

The PPS, 2014 includes a new natural hazards policy regarding wildland fire. Policy 3.1.8 of the PPS, 2014 requires that development shall generally be directed to areas outside of lands that are unsafe for development due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire, however it may be permitted on these lands where the risk is mitigated in accordance with wildland fire assessment and mitigation standards identified by MNRF.

The draft *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Guidebook* outlines MNRF's proposed wildland fire risk assessment and mitigation standards that support the PPS, 2014, and promotes decisions that are consistent with it. It provides the policy context, background information, and approaches to wildland fire risk assessment and mitigation.

I invite you to review and provide comments on the draft *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Guidebook* by July 22, 2016 in order for your input to be considered prior to the finalization of this guidance document.

In support of the review of the draft *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Guidebook*, we are offering two webcast sessions in the coming weeks which will provide an overview of the draft *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Guidebook* , (both sessions will cover the same content).

We encourage you and/or your planning staff, emergency management staff, and Chief Building Officials, as applicable, to participate in one of these sessions.

The following links (one link for each session) offer further details regarding the webinar sessions, including registration information:

<http://www1.webcastcanada.ca/events/registration/5161mnrf.php>

<http://www1.webcastcanada.ca/events/registration/5162mnrf.php>

We would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware that MNRF has produced province-wide generalized data for the identification of potential hazardous forest types for wildland fire to support implementation of policy 3.1.8 of the PPS, 2014. The data set, called "Fire - Potential Hazardous Forest Types for Wildland Fire" is intended to indicate areas with the greatest potential for risks associated with high to extreme wildland fire. The geospatial data set is available to download from Land Information Ontario (LIO) for use in GIS mapping applications. The draft *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Guidebook* includes a description of the data and its intended use.

For further information regarding the Environmental Registry posting of the draft *Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Guidebook* please contact me or Katie Novacek at [katie.novacek@ontario.ca](mailto:katie.novacek@ontario.ca)

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Sincerely,

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