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RE: VELD FIRE PREVENTION REMINDERS

The 2021 fire prediction is indicating that 65.2% of the country is in the high risk while 24.7% of the country will be in the extreme risk to fire outbreak because of the high biomass as a result of the normal to above normal rainfall in the 2020/21 season. Veld fires however, destroy the environment, life, and property and food security.

TOGETHER - PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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It is against this background that the Environmental Management Agency (EMA), or collective action in the prevention of veld fires through encouraging farmers to;

1. Construct standard fire guards in and around farms
2. Avoid starting a fire outside residential property between 31 July and 31 October
3. Put out all fires fire that would have occurred and report the case to ZRP, EMA or Forestry Commission.
4. Undertake controlled early burning
5. Form, train and equip firefighting teams

Let's work together and maintain the integrity of the environment will enhancing food security.

Your usual cooperation on this will be greatly appreciated.



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