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Territorial Action Plan for 1995 Holdover Fires

After jointly assessing FS-001/96 located three miles north of Wrigley, Chief Tim Lennie and Forest Officer Loyal Letcher had a fire crew from Wrigley dispatched on snow machines to extinguish it. This fire was a holdover from FS-055/95 and is active underground along the Mackenzie River bank. This fire is now declared out.

Because of the drought conditions experienced last year, similar holdover fires probably exist near Fort Norman, Fort Providence, Redknife Hills, and the Horn Plateau. Smoke has been observed throughout the winter at the airstrip in Fort Norman.

Once spring run-off is complete, these large fires of last year will be reconnoissanced using infrared scanning equipment. Should any fire activity be detected, suppression plans will ensue in consultation and with the participation of local communities to ensure the fire(s) are extinguished before the heat of summer.

In the interim, Forest Officers have contacted local airline companies and have solicited their assistance in monitoring these problem areas during their daily flyover excursions.

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