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**(S.D.)-Land Owners Urged to Ensure Brush Piles Are Extinguished**



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(RAPID CITY, S.D.)-The South Dakota Division of Wildland Fire Suppression is urging landowners who have recently burned brush piles to be vigilant about monitoring them to ensure that they have been completely extinguished.

Fire Management Officer Ray Bubb says, "We have had a couple of fires in the last day or so that were caused by escaped brush piles. The probability of ignition is going to increase with the predicted warmer weather and the resultant snow melt."

All burn permits that have been issued will expire Sunday, March 31st at midnight. As weather permits, burn permits could next become available on October 1st, 2013.

For more information on burn permits, visit the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division's website at:

<http://sdda.sd.gov/wildfire-suppression/burn-permits-fags/> or follow them on Twitter (@SDWildlandFire).

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