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To all Red River Métis Citizens,

## RE: Wildfires in The Pas Region

Your Red River Métis Government and The Pas Region have enacted our Emergency Response Plan to support our Citizens displaced and affected by the fires in the Pas Region, particularly those in Cranberry Portage and surrounding areas. This includes finding temporary living situations in surrounding areas and is offering a support through The Pas regional office. The MMF has set up an emergency phone number, email, and are working to get other emergency resources mobilized including the Mobile Health Unit, preparing camps to receive those displaced by the crisis, and other resources as they become available. We will also be proactively reaching out to all affected Citizens to ensure they have what they need.

If you have been affected or displaced by the wildfires in The Pas Region, please contact in the following ways:

- By **phone at 1-888-362-2012**;
- Via email at emergencyresponse@mmf.mb.ca, and
- In-person at The Pas Region at 456 Fischer Avenue, The Pas, Manitoba.

The Government of Manitoba also has resources available to all Manitobans and have reception centres in Wescana Inn in The Pas, and Victoria Inn in Flin Flon. Please see the most recent Provincial Fire Bulletin <a href="https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=63557">https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=63557</a>.

If you have family or friends affected by this emergency, please forward them this information. As always, we want to ensure that all our Citizens know, your Red River Métis Government has your back.

Please keep an eye on MMF's social media and emails to receive updates as more initiatives roll out. We can be found on:

- Facebook at ManitobaMetisFederationOfficial
- X@MBMetis\_MMF
- Instagram @ManitobaMetisFederation

On behalf of MMF Cabinet, staff, and the entirety of your Red River Métis Government, I offer our warmest wishes to those affected by this crisis. You remain in our minds, hearts, and prayers as we move forward this week, working diligently to support you through this time.

I would also like to offer my sincerest thank you to The Pas Region's Vice President, Judy Mayer, for her quick reaction to this crisis, as well as the supports being offered by other Vice-Presidents and Ministers.

We also know our Citizens across our Homeland and beyond will naturally be concerned about friends and relatives affected by this fire. We will continue to communicate as new information arises. Rest assured, the MMF will work with all other levels of government to ensure our Citizens have everything they need to manage this challenging time.

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