



**MEDIA RELEASE – For Immediate Release April 21, 2010**

## **Firefighters fight two wildfires in Yellowhead County**

Yellowhead County Fire crews responded to two wildfire calls yesterday within the county. At approximately 9:30 p.m. Yellowhead County fire crews and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development responded to a 1.7 hectare brush fire west of Wildwood along Highway 16. The fire started in the box of a truck, and quickly spread through the ditch and to the trees between the highway and Chip Lake, including the railroad track. A fast coordinated attack from the county crews and SRD quickly brought the perimeter of the fire under control. No one was injured in the fire.

A brush fire was also started just north of Edson on Range Road 171 at approximately 3:30 p.m. Yellowhead County Fire, Edson Fire and SRD all responded. The fire was less than a hectare in size but severely threatened one house and posed hazard to other houses nearby. SRD was on scene very quickly and was able to get the fire under control before an evacuation was deemed necessary. Edson and Yellowhead County also responded to support fire control measures. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by Yellowhead County and SRD.

“It was lucky we were able to control these fires in such a short period of time,” said Fire Chief Cory Chegwyn. “Everything is extremely dry right now and we want people to take as many precautions as they can to avoid starting a fire.”

Yellowhead County would like to remind all residents that a fire restriction is in place preventing all burning other than those in a burn barrel or contained campfire. To report a wildfire call 911 or 310-FIRE.

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