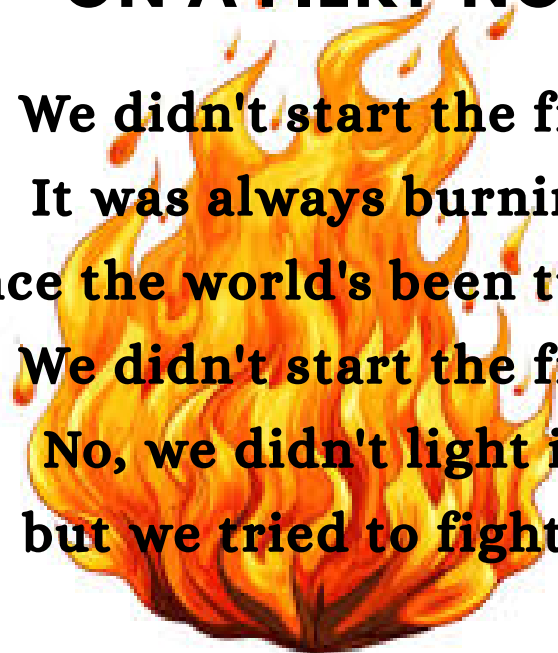




ON A FIERY NOTE

We didn't start the fire
It was always burning,
since the world's been turning
We didn't start the fire
No, we didn't light it,
but we tried to fight it!



Credit to Billy Joel

UNLAWFUL OR UNCONTROLLED FIRES IN SEPTEMBER RECORDED:

1/9 Fire at Randfontein
2/9 Kgapane Village
2/9 Mokgolobotho
3/9 Substation R71
3/9 Soekmekaar/Mooketsi Road
3/9 Mandela Park Kgapane
3/9 R71
3/9 Tzaneen Station
4/9 Fire behind Olive tree
4/9 fire behind Joseph Spar tzaneen
5/9 garden rubbish at waterworks
5/9 Smith farm
5/9 Fire at Flora Park & Yellowwood
6/9 Haenertsburg GV turn off
6/9 California small farms
7/9 Rubbish pit modjadjiskloof
7/9 Woodbush plantation
8/9 Zoutpansberg mountains -
required aerial assistance

9/9 Agri waste fire Deerpark
9/9 Russbush pit Modjadjiskloof
9/9 Fire near Dap Naude dam
11/9 Kloof Str Modjadjiskloof
14/9 Lushof Noord
16/9 Moria - required aerial assistance
16/9 Georges valley
16/9 Riverside
16/9 Old Industrial
17/9 Modjadjiskloof
18/9 Moria
19/9 Fire near Deerpark
21/9 Old Industrial
22/9 New Agatha
24/9 Opposite Tzaneen Cemetery
26/9 Speedling Waste burning
27/9 Hamawasha
28/9 Big tree burning at Mamathola

END OF 2025 FIRE SEASON UPDATE

Dear Members, Stakeholders, and Friends of the LFPA,

As the 2025 fire season winds down, we can all breathe a little easier. What once felt like a mountain ahead of us is now behind us. Light spring rains are beginning to transform the veld, and the ever-present smell of smoke is finally fading from the air.

Thank You to Our Incredible Team

A sincere thank you to every member of the Letaba FPA team. Your dedication, professionalism, and tireless work throughout this season have made all the difference. It's an honor to work alongside such a capable and committed group – together, no challenge is too great.

Appreciation for Our Landowner Members

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our landowner members. Your continued support and participation are the backbone of this FPA. Beyond meeting legal obligations, your active role helps create a safer, more fire-resilient Letaba region. As we often say – if you're not part of the solution, you may be part of the problem. Luckily, our members consistently choose to be part of the solution.

Successes from the Season

This year saw excellent cooperation across the board. Many of you followed LFPA guidelines, contributing to a much safer fire season. Our fire crew and bakkie sakkie unit were hard at work, not only responding to fires but also educating small rural farmers and peanut growers on controlled burns and fire safety.

Special Burning Permits – A Game Changer

During the fire prohibition period, numerous **Special Burning Permits (SBPs) were issued. These allowed members to safely manage sawmill and agricultural waste, and to conduct vital conservation burns for veld and invasive species control. This flexibility has been a major step forward.**



What's Next?

The fire prohibition period officially ends on 31 October. From November onward, normal controlled burns may resume. Remember, all burns must be reported via the Letaba FPA FIRES WhatsApp group to ensure proper coordination and safety.

A Reminder About Fire Law Compliance

Unfortunately, not everyone is following the rules. Unauthorized burns are a serious offence under the National Veld and Forest Fire Act (NVFFA). Fines start at **R10,000 or one year in prison**, even for seemingly minor offences like failing to create firebreaks or smoking in restricted areas. These penalties have been approved by the Limpopo Chief Magistrate – and they are enforceable.

Education First, Enforcement When Needed

While we have the authority to enforce these fines, our approach remains centered on education and prevention. We believe in working with landowners and the broader community to build a culture of fire safety. Warnings and guidance will always come first – but if ignored, legal steps will follow.

Heading Into the Holiday Season

The “silly season” is almost here! We encourage everyone to stay safe, stay alert, and enjoy a well-earned break. Together, we've made great strides this season – let's keep the momentum going into 2026!

Warm regards,

Rouan Snyman
Letaba FPA Manager



 **SPECIAL BURNING PERMIT
APPROVED**

☒ GTM (peanut growers)

☐ Small piles grass.

 Adams Farm

 LFPA SBP 0019

 Date: 22&23/09/2025

 LFPA Fire Crew and Skid Unit.

**STAY SAFE!
YOURSELF & YOURS**

GENEROUS DONATION TO THE FPA'S IN OUR PROVINCE!



On 3 September LUFPA has received a donation of 50 blowers to be distributed among the FPA's in Limpopo. It was delivered to the Letaba FPA.

WHAT IS THE AGRI RELIEF FUND?

Established: The Agri Relief Fund was founded by AgriBonus and their partner, Zoetis, and has attracted many other partners to join the initiative since then. It's a way to give back to farmers by helping them during difficult times when they cannot help themselves.

Focus: The Agri Relief Foundation does not specifically label the types of scenarios where relief and aid will be provided, as it can vary – from assisting after a farm attack or farm murder, to providing medicinal relief to animals after a fire. Preventative aid is also a main focus by equipping farmers with fire prevention equipment such as backpack blowers.



Fires

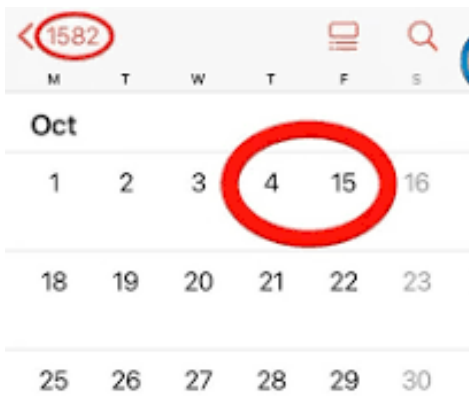
The bulk of the relief they provide relates to fires and the damage they can cause on a farm. They provide farmers with backpack blowers and other fire prevention and firefighting equipment to enable them to act quickly and effectively in the event of a fire. By being proactive, they hope to equip farmers in such a way that the devastation caused by veld fires can be kept to a minimum. They also enable the procurement of medicine for animals injured during veld fires.



THANK YOU AGRI RELIEF!!!

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE 4TH OF OCTOBER?

WHY THE CALENDAR SKIPPED FROM OCTOBER 4TH TO THE 15TH IN 1582



What happened to the missing 10 days in October of 1582?

Nothing, they didn't exist...On 4 October 1582, the inhabitants of Italy, France, Spain and Portugal fell asleep, only to wake up ten days later on exactly 15 October. There was no illness or strange paranormal phenomena involved.

The mystery of the missing days isn't so much a mystery as a miscalculation. It was a calendar change. For nearly 1,600 years, the Julian calendar had been used by people across Europe, and on the surface it wasn't a whole lot different than the Gregorian calendar we use today—365 days in a year with a leap year every 4 years and the spring equinox being placed on March 21.

If this would happen today?

**A quick survey on the internet showed that: 905170 new cars will not be sold,
1 529 710 new cars will not be manufactured, 1150 000 flights will be missed,
22.5 billion cups of coffee will ran cold,
and not even AI could tell how many debit orders will fail!**

