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May 31st, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: HWF036 LONG LAKE FIRE IMPACT ON RESIDENT APPLIANCES

This letter is being provided to all residents of the Town of Rainbow Lake who were evacuated due to the Long Lake Fire and subsequently lost power to their homes for 17 days.

The Town of Rainbow Lake Emergency Management Team has been managing the Long Lake Fire Disaster from May 3rd until the time of writing this letter.

The Town was evacuated on May 6th and due to a large number of power poles being burned by the fire (500+) we lost power on May 13th.

The Town initiated a Fridge/Freezer clearing program utilizing the resources available and were able to save more then 50 appliances. By May 20th, the units we were coming across were rotten and were in our opinion, beyond saving.

To prevent the rotten smell from permeating residents' homes, as well as for hygienic reasons, we cancelled our Fridge/Freezer clearing program and advised residents to discuss the loss with their insurance providers.

The power was lost from the Town of Rainbow Lake from May 13th, 2023 and was not restored until May 29th, 2023. It is the opinion of the Town of Rainbow Lake that these appliances are not able to be saved and we recommend disposal.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dan Fletcher, CAO/Director of Emergency Management at <u>dfletcher@rainbowlake.ca</u> or 1-780-956-1701.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Michelle Farris Town of Rainbow Lake