



## Northern Rockies Coordination Group Missoula Area

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### State and Counties to Implement Stage II Fire Restrictions

Effective: July 27, 2017

Missoula, MT — Stage II fire restrictions will go into effect at 12:01 AM on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> across southwest Montana. State and Private jurisdictions implementing restrictions:

- MT-DNRC Southwestern Land Office/State Land and Private Classified Forested Land within Lake, Missoula, Mineral, Ravalli, and Sanders Counties.
- Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, Region 1&2 within Missoula Restrictions Area.
- Counties: Lake, Missoula, Flathead, Granite, Ravalli, Sanders, and Powell County
- City of Missoula within open spaces and conservation lands
- Property within city limits in the Area are EXEMPT from the order

\*Granite County Lands north of I-90

\*\***UPDATE:** Powell County Lands north of I-90 and North of Highway 12

The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during periods of extreme fire danger. Critical fire conditions of dry fuels, hot temperatures, low humidity, and high winds are expected to continue. Current initial attack activity has local IA resources at critical draw-down levels. An additional impact to local resources are the continuing efforts to support large fires within the geographic area.

Under Stage II the Following Acts are prohibited:

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. except as otherwise described in this Order below:
  - a. Operating any internal combustion engine.
  - b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
  - c. Using an explosive.

Also, a one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following the cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

#### Exemptions to Stage II Restrictions

1. Persons with a written permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable material within three feet of the device.
3. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
8. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
9. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

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U.S. Forest Service  
Lolo National Forest

U.S. Forest Service  
Bitterroot National  
Forest

Confederated Salish  
and Kootenai Tribes  
and Flathead Agency

Bureau of Land  
Management

U.S. Fish & Wildlife  
Service  
Lee Metcalf Refuge and  
National Bison Range

Montana DNRC  
Northwestern Land  
Office

Montana DNRC  
Southwestern Land  
Office All Units

Counties of:  
Missoula  
Mineral  
Ravalli  
Sanders  
Lake  
Portions of Powell and  
Granite