



Northern Rockies
Coordination Group

Montana DNRC
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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

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

Northern Rockies Coordination Group Missoula Area

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Fire Managers to Lift Fire Restrictions on Wednesday Morning Fire Danger: MODERATE

Missoula – Effective 12:01 am on Wednesday, September 20th, fire managers across the Missoula area will rescind Stage I and Stage II fire restrictions. Widespread precipitation has lowered the fire danger to MODERATE and has provided much needed relief for firefighters across western Montana. More precipitation is on its way, as firefighting efforts give way to repairing firelines and stabilizing burned areas to avoid problems associated with runoff.

Most counties will continue to enforce burn bans on private property until weather conditions provide more security against the chance of burning debris piles escaping. Typically, the end of September marks the end of fire season, and when burning by permit is traditionally opened on private property. Monitor the status of burn bans statewide at:

<http://firerestrictions.us>

With restrictions lifted, campfires are allowed and folks can run internal combustion engines without restrictions. As a matter of wildfire prevention, please keep the following in mind:

- Never leave a fire unattended until it is cold to the touch
- When debris burning by permit becomes allowed in your county, ensure you have a valid burn permit and that it is activated at the time of ignition
- Campfires are not allowed on open space and conservation land located within the city limits of Missoula

For questions regarding burning by permit in the Missoula, Powell, and Ravalli Counties, go to <https://app.mt.gov/burnpermit/>. For other counties, call your local fire management agencies that issue permits. It is your responsibility to ‘know before you burn.’