



PRESS RELEASE

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Missoula County- Outdoor Burning by Permit Closed for Fire Season

Missoula County Fire Protection Association (MCFPA), in conjunction with federal, tribal, state, and local wildland fire suppression agencies, the Missoula County Office of Emergency Management and Missoula City/County Health Department officials, want to remind the public that outdoor burning by permit has been closed since July 3rd due to the move to moderate fire behavior and the start of fire season. It will remain closed until the end of fire season.

Several wildland agencies have responded to illegal burns since burning by permit has closed. Those found violating the burn ban can be held responsible for the cost of suppression. Help keep firefighters out of harm's way by adhering to the burn ban.

While outdoor burning will be closed for the remainder of fire season, the public can still have campfires. By state law, campfires are limited to 3 feet in diameter. We urge campers to USE CAUTION as we head into fire season. Extinguish campfires using a hand tool to mix and stir in water. Campfires should never be unattended, and should be cold to the touch before campers leave the site.

Campfires are not allowed within Missoula city limits year round.

For more information, visit the Missoula County Fire Protection Association website at www.mcfpa.org, like us on Facebook, or call Chris Johnson @ (406) 529-7751