



Northern Rockies
Coordination Group
Missoula Area

Montana DNRC
Northwestern Land
Office Plains Unit

Montana DNRC
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Office All Units

Montana Fish Wildlife &
Parks in Missoula Area

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
Missoula Field Office

U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Service
Refuges and National
Bison Range

Counties of:
Missoula
Mineral
Ravalli
Sanders
Lake

Portions of Powell
Portions of Granite

Northern Rockies Coordination Group Missoula Restrictions Area

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Stage II Restrictions to Lift Wednesday, August 29 Fire Danger Remains HIGH, County Burn Bans Remain

Missoula – Widespread precipitation and cool temperatures have lessened the fire danger in the Missoula Area to the extent that fire managers are able to lift fire restrictions. Since existing orders need to be rescinded as a matter of administration, restrictions will remain in effect until Wednesday, August 29th at 12:01 am. Folks in the Missoula Area will wake up on Wednesday morning with Stage II restrictions lifted. Stage I restrictions were not implemented in 2018, so Stage I restrictions will not be in effect on Wednesday.

While fire danger has lessened, fire season in the Northern Rockies is not over. Warm, dry conditions will return to the area by mid-week, and fuel moisture content of large diameter material on the forest floor will remain as available fuel for wildfires.

The public is reminded that county burn bans persist across most of western Montana. County burn bans will be lifted only when fire season is over and air quality is favorable. Debris burning is not allowed when a county burn ban is in effect. And, while campfires will be allowed on Wednesday, they should never be left unattended at any time until they are cool to the touch.

Area fire managers reported vehicle fires, trailer chains dragging that started fires, agricultural machinery, tool grinding, and unattended campfires that totaled well over a dozen fires just last week.

For up-to-date Burn Bans and Restrictions across the Northern Rockies as conditions change, visit the restrictions webpage @ <http://firerestrictions.us/mt>

- Other NRCG Restrictions Areas' fire managers will make their Area determinations throughout this week. A complete list of Restrictions Areas in the Northern Rockies is available on the restrictions webpage
- **Sanders County will make its determination on rescinding Stage II restrictions on private land after consultation with Kalispell Area fire managers.**
- The Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness Area's Stage I restrictions remain in effect until fire managers in the Dillon Area make their determination
- County Burn Bans remain in effect in Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders Counties