

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST
1801 N. First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
Forest Supervisor's Order

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the Montana portion of the Bitterroot National Forest excluding the areas of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness and AP Wilderness within Ravalli County. This temporary restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and become effective at 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on August 1, 2013 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Title 36 CFR 261.52 (a) – Fire:

The following are prohibited:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire unless noted in the exemptions below (36 CFR 261.52 (a)).
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 (36 CFR 261.52 (d)).

The purpose of these restrictions is to provide for public safety and resource protection during high fire danger.

Area Description:

Those portions of the Bitterroot National Forest that lie within Montana except the areas of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness and AP Wilderness, within Ravalli County.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this restriction:

1. Persons with a written permit issued by a Forest officer 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 materials within 3 feet of the device.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. Campfires in campfire rings that are concrete, metal colvert rings, or iron gate type rings will be

allowed at the following developed sites:

- a. **Stevensville:** Charles Waters Campground, Larry Creek Group Site, Blodgett Creek Campground
- b. **Darby:** Black Bear Campground, Schumaker Campground, Lake Como Recreation Area (Upper Como Campground, picnic sites, Lower Campground, Rock Creek Campground, Three Sisters Group Site)
- c. **Sula:** Martin Creek Campground, Jennings Camp, Indian Trees Campground, Spring Gulch Campground, Warm Springs Campground, Crazy Creek Horse Camp, Crazy Creek Campground, East Fork Guard Station
- d. **West Fork:** Sam Billings Memorial Campground, Rombo Campground, Slate Creek Campground, Alta Campground, Fales Flat group area

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

Done at Hamilton, Montana this 25th day of July, 2013.

By: 
JULIE K. KING
Forest Supervisor
Bitterroot National Forest

Penalty:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

An individual or organization can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if they start a fire.

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.