

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) and (b) the following acts are prohibited as described below, on all National Forest System lands administered by the Bitterroot National Forest excluding the areas of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness, and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness within Ravalli County, Montana and Idaho County, Idaho. This temporary restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and become effective at 1201 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on July 3, 2015 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Title 36 CFR 261.52 – 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 except the areas of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness, and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness within Ravalli County, Montana and Idaho County, Idaho.

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 culvert rings, or iron gate type rings will be

allowed at the following developed recreation sites:

- a. **Stevensville Ranger District:** Blodgett Campground, Gold Creek Campground, and Bass Creek Recreation Area (Charles Water Campground, Larry Creek Group Site, Bass Creek Picnic Area).
- b. **Darby Ranger District:** Black Bear Campground, Schumaker Campground, and Lake Como Recreation Area (Three Frogs Campground, Como picnic sites, Lower Como Campground, Rock Creek Campground, Three Sisters Group Site).
- c. **Sula Ranger District:** Martin Creek Campground, Jennings Camp, Indian Trees Campground, Spring Gulch Campground, Crazy Creek Horse Camp, Crazy Creek Campground, East Fork Guard Station, and Warm Springs Campground.
- d. **West Fork Ranger District:** Montana: Sam Billings Memorial Campground, Rombo Campground, Slate Creek Campground, Alta Campground and Fales Flat Campground. Idaho: Paradise Campground.

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

Dated this 30th day of June, 2015 at Hamilton, MT.

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 in 36 CFR 261.51.