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Restriction and

Closures

Lewistown Area

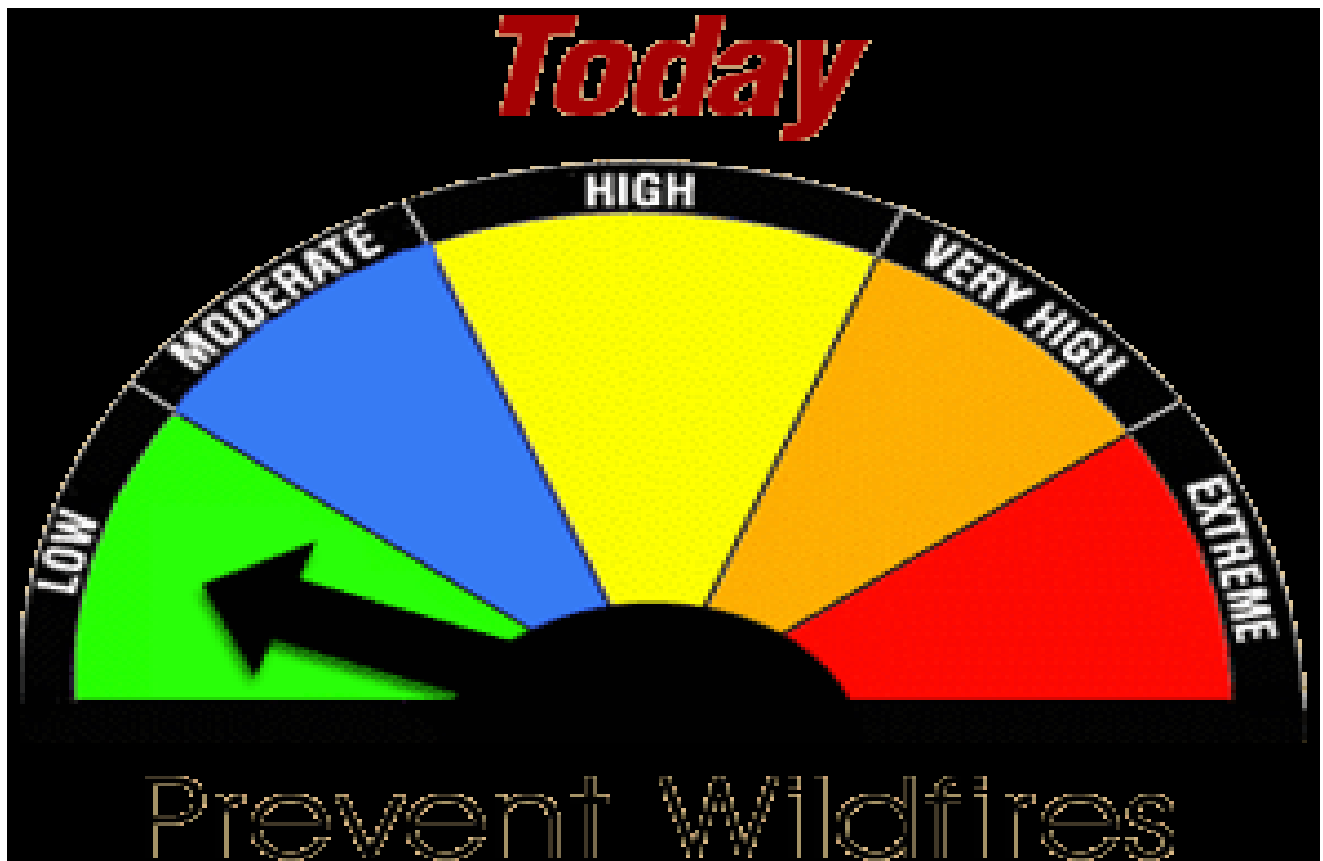


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Introduction

The Lewistown Area Fire Restriction Plan is an interagency document that outlines interagency coordination efforts regarding fire restrictions and closures. An interagency approach for initiating restrictions and closures provides consistency among the land management partners, while defining the restrictions so they are easily understood by the public. This plan is tiered to the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Restrictions and Closures Procedures, updated March 2022.

Purpose

Restrictions and Closure reduce the risk of human-caused fires during very high or extreme fire danger and burning conditions after other prevention efforts have been exhausted. Primary prevention measures include, but are not limited to, increasing the number of prevention signs, public contacts, and media campaigns. Fire restrictions are a portion of successful prevention program and should be considered only when very high or extreme fire danger is predicted to persist. **Fire restrictions should be considered one of the last prevention tools to be used and should not be the prevention program.**

Emergency closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies and are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures should be driven by potential risk to life and human safety due to extreme fire behavior, high potential for human-caused fires, severe shortage of resources, and numerous large fires rather than by fire danger alone.

Cooperators

Agencies, counties, and tribes included in the Lewistown Restriction Area will be referred to as the Cooperators throughout this document.

The Cooperators include:

- ❖ Bureau of Land Management-North Central Montana District and Eastern Montana District Offices
- ❖ Bureau of Reclamation-Marias and Milk River Project
- ❖ Bureau of Indian Affairs-Rocky Mountain Regional Office
- ❖ U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service-Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge
- ❖ U. S. Forest Service-Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest-Judith Musselshell Ranger District
- ❖ U.S. Army Corp of Engineers-Fort Peck Project
- ❖ National Weather Service-Great Falls and Glasgow Forecast Offices
- ❖ Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Northeastern Land Office
- ❖ Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks-Regions 4, 5 and 6
- ❖ Montana Department of Disaster and Emergency Services-Central and Eastern
- ❖ Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Rocky Boy Indian Reservation
- ❖ Counties of Blaine, Chouteau, Daniels, Fergus, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Petroleum, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley, and Wheatland.

See Appendix A-Map of Lewistown Restrictions Area and NRCG Restriction Map.

Roles and Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all cooperators to have some representation on the weekly conference call. If a Cooperator is unable to participate on the call, then the Cooperator will send an email to the Area Restriction Coordinator on the day of the call or next day with the following information:

- **number of fires.**
- **Cause: human or lightning.**
- **Size.**
- **Current Restrictions if any (burn ban, Stage I or II restrictions).**
- **Significant events.**
- **Considering going into or out of restrictions**

Roles:

Restrictions Coordinator: a person chosen by the Cooperators in each restriction area. This person is responsible for coordination of the fire restriction/closure process and implementation of this plan. The responsibilities of the Restriction Coordinator include monitoring the fire restriction's guidelines; gathering information from each Cooperator to make informed decisions; monitoring fire activity, ERC levels, and prevention efforts; notifying the NRGC of the area's impending restrictions or rescinding of restrictions; communicating with neighboring areas to obtain their activity; coordinating restriction orders/rescinding orders and date of implementation; and working closely with the media coordinator on public notification.

Lead Agency Administrator: may be a USFS Forest Supervisor, DNRC Area Manager, BLM Field Office Manager, Tribal Chairperson, a similar administrator for another agency or a designee. The Lead Agency Administrator is responsible for ensuring that all Agency Administrators, Tribal Chairperson, and local government are discussing restrictions and resolving issues within the Lewistown Restrictions Area that cannot be resolved by the agency/tribal representatives.

Agency Administrators: the leaders and decision-makers for their respective agencies, counties, or tribes.

Agency/Tribe Representatives: responsible for monitoring the local fire danger, informing agency administrators, notifying the Area Restrictions Coordinator if conditions indicate the need for fire restrictions, and assist to ensure public and agency notification of restrictions.

DNRC Representative: an agency representative that serves as the State Liaison. This Liaison is responsible for making appropriate contact with Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and notifying state headquarters and state political offices of area's impending restrictions.

County Representative: often the County DES Coordinator or Fire Warden. Responsible for serving as the contact for counties in the restriction area and liaison for the county commissioners and city officials.

Media Coordinator (and designated alternate): a person chosen by the Cooperators in this restriction to provide media contacts and Cooperators with fire restrictions press releases and to keep the media contact list updated. The Media Coordinator works closely with the Restrictions Coordinator on public notifications.

Decision Criteria

The Cooperators will continuously monitor weather, fuels conditions, and other factors that indicate when restrictions or closures are warranted. The decision criteria are a combination of all values, not just one or two.

The criteria to consider includes:

- ❖ Interagency initial attack resources within the Lewistown Restriction Area at draw-down level.
- ❖ Availability of adjacent areas' fire resources at or reaching draw-down level.
- ❖ High number of human-caused fire starts, including industrial operations fires.
- ❖ Unusually high visitor use.
- ❖ Adverse fire weather conditions and risks predicted to continue.
- ❖ Regional preparedness level.
- ❖ Life or human safety are jeopardized.

Fire Prevention Measures

When the decision criteria are being approached, fire managers will implement specific prevention measures designed to mitigate human-caused fire. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will organize a targeted prevention campaign.

If prevention campaign does not achieve desired results, the Area Restriction Coordinator will initiate discussions between interagency fire managers on the need for restrictions. Fire restrictions require a high degree of coordination among all levels. The restriction process must be continuous from first proposed, through the period of implementation, and until the rescinding of all restrictions.

Restrictions Process

Fire managers from each agency will advise their Agency Administrators and alert outlying offices of impending restrictions to provide enough lead time for prevention signing and for public notification.

If one or more Cooperators within the restriction area are considering implementing fire restrictions, they will contact either the Area Restrictions Coordinator or the Lead Agency Administrator prior to the next conference call to ensure that all Cooperators are in concurrence with going into restrictions.

Coordination with affected agencies in the restriction area such as Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), law enforcement, etc., is essential. The Restriction Coordinator will notify adjacent restrictions areas of the Lewistown Restrictions Area's restriction decision to coordinate prevention signing and public information.

The Restriction Coordinator, in a timely manner, will email the Representatives about decisions concerning implementation or rescission of restrictions or closures. See Appendix E.

Area Closures

In addition to the above decision criteria for preventive measures and fire restrictions, the following additional criteria need to be evaluated whenever an area closure is being considered.

- ❖ Potential for extreme or blowup fire behavior.
- ❖ Potential loss of life or property due to extreme fire conditions.
- ❖ Stage II restrictions are not effective in reducing the number of human-caused fires.
- ❖ Resources across the geographic area are at critical shortage level.

Small scale closures may be necessary for isolated areas where public and firefighter's safety is a concern, such as around an ongoing incident. Agency administrators, tribal chairpersons, or county commissioners from the land where the fire is located will make that decision and coordinate with adjacent entities through the Area Restrictions Coordinator. NRCG will be kept informed throughout the process. Large-scale closures will be handled by the Geographic Area Administrators.

Appendix B contains the standardized wording for the two restrictions stages as found in the "NRCG Restrictions and Closure Procedures."

Appendix H contains a quick list of campgrounds or campsites that will/will not allow campfires during Stage I fire restrictions.

Enabling Documents

US Department of the Interior:

- BLM Lands: Fire restrictions and small-area closures are invoked and rescinded by "Fire Prevention Orders" signed by the Field Office Manager.
- BIA Lands: Covered by tribal orders (see below).
- FWS Land: Fire restrictions and small-area closures are invoked and rescinded by "Special Order" signed by the Project Leader.

US Department of Agriculture:

- Forest Service: Fire restrictions and small-area closures are invoked and rescinded by "Special Order" signed by the Forest Supervisor.

Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee Lands:

Fire Restrictions and small-area closures are invoked or rescinded by "Tribal Order" signed by the Tribal Chairperson.

State and Private Forested Lands:

Fire restrictions and small-area closures are invoked and rescinded by "Proclamation" signed by the Montana State Forester. Statewide forest closure requires a proclamation by the governor of the State of Montana.

Non-Forested Land (not within the city boundary and not listed above):

Fire restrictions and small-area closures are invoked and rescinded by "Resolution" signed by the County Commissioners.

Communication Plan

Notification of key contacts and public concerning the implementation of fire restrictions or closures is essential and should be accomplished immediately to avoid confusion. Contacts need to be told why, when and to what degree they will be affected.

The Media Coordinator will issue news releases immediately, so the public has as much-advance notice as possible, one day at minimum. All agencies in the restriction area will agree upon prewritten new releases, brochures, public service announcements, and other media statement. Consider the deadlines of many small community newspapers which are only printed once a week. If possible, make decision by Tuesday at noon if restrictions are expected to be invoked or canceled by the upcoming weekend. Do not implement restrictions during the weekend unless there is an emergency.

All Cooperators will send a signed copy of their restriction orders/proclamation/resolutions by email to the Restrictions Coordinator as soon as they are signed. The orders should include a map or list of developed recreation sites (where campfires are permitted under Stage I). If Cooperators go into closures, a list of exemptions will be attached to the Closure Order and sent to the Area Restrictions Coordinator.

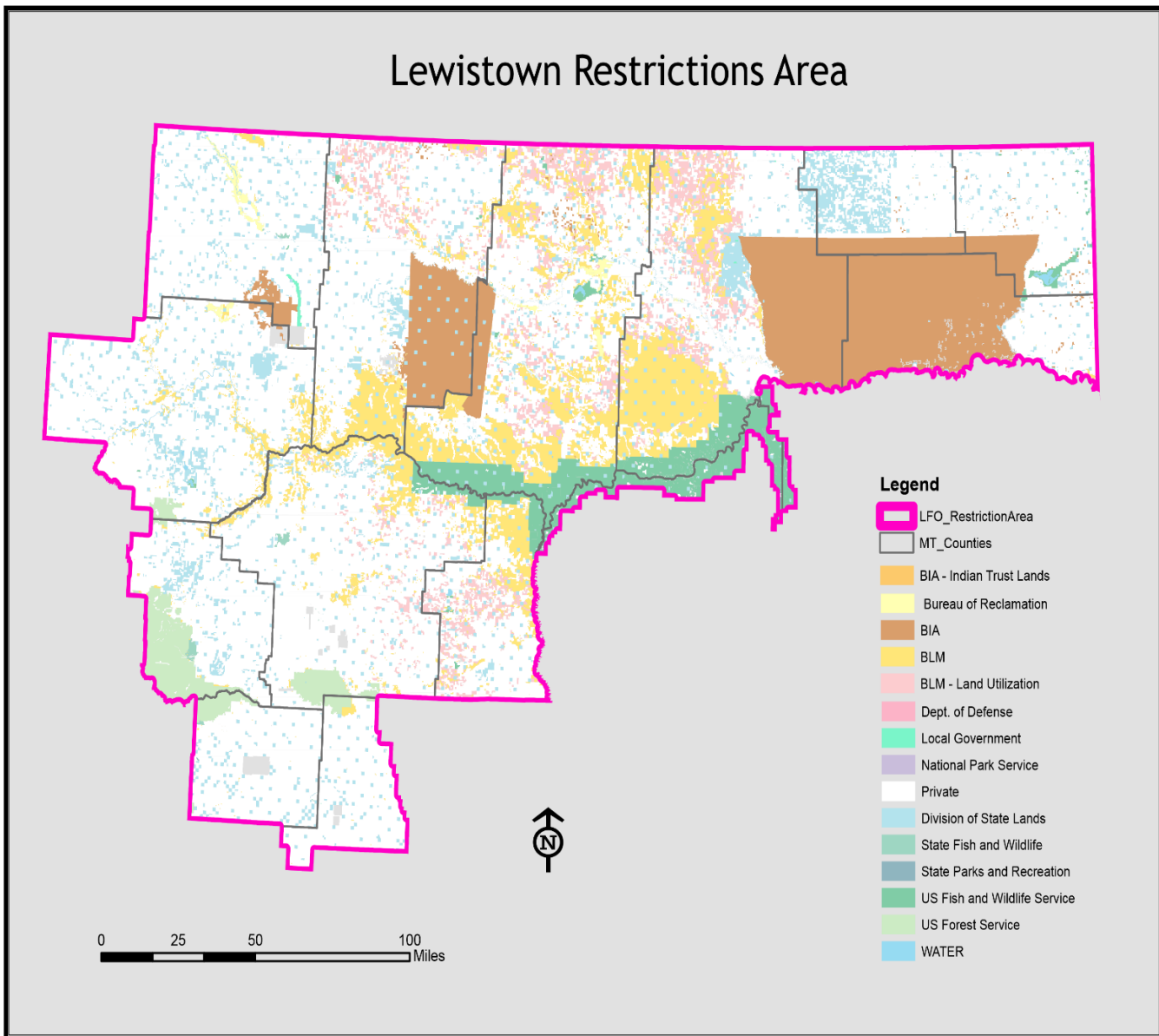
The Restriction Coordinator will send a package to each Cooperator in the restriction area consisting of all signed restrictions orders with developed recreation sites attached or closure orders with exemptions attached, the news release, and a map showing where the restrictions/closures are located if the entire area is not in the same restrictions stage.

Fire Restriction information can be found at the following website: <https://www.mtfireinfo.org/>

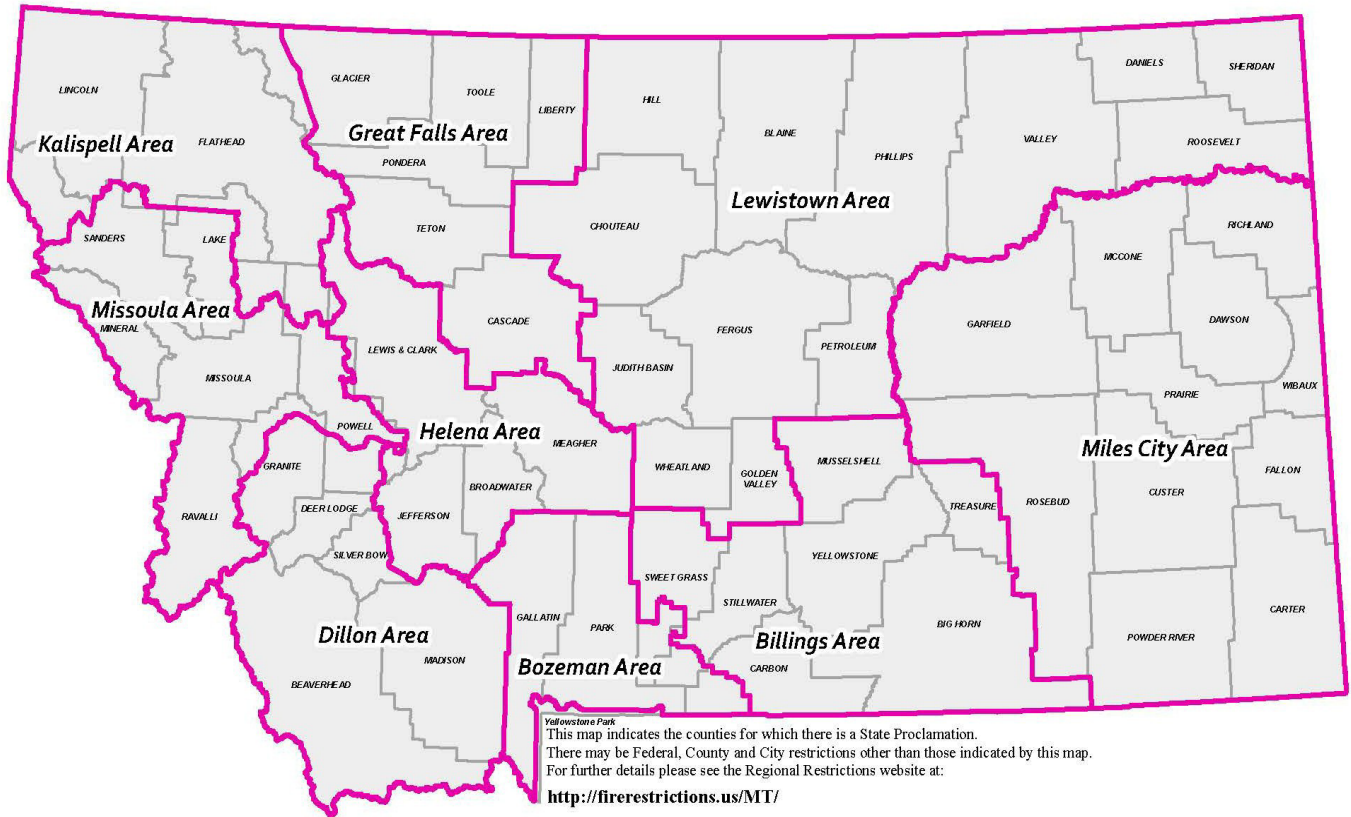
This site hosts current fire restriction information by the area for the State of Montana, which is used a resource to determine activities that may be restricted where you live and recreate, so it is imperative that the information is current.

Appendix A-Maps


Lewistown Area Restrictions Map



RESTRICTION AREAS



Legend

-  Restriction Boundaries
-  Montana Counties



Map Produced May 20, 2014.

Appendix B-Standardized Wording

Standardized Wording for Fire Restrictions Stages

There will be two fire restrictions stages: Stage I and Stage II. Each agency/tribe within Lewistown Area Fire Restrictions must write its own agency/tribe documents that authorizes the restrictions within its jurisdiction.

Permanent restrictions are those activities that are **always** restricted as determined by a management unit's year-round orders or an agency/tribal laws and regulations.

Stage I Restrictions:

The following acts are prohibited until further notice.

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below.**
- 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.**

Note: for the smoking provision, each agency/tribe must cite their actual regulations/laws, therefore, the wording for the prohibition may be slightly different.

Exemptions for Stage I*:

1. Persons with written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LGP 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 device.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated area 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. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.
7. Listed campgrounds/recreation sites where campfires are **allowed** during Stage I restrictions. See Appendix H.

Stage II Restrictions:

The following acts are prohibited until further notice.

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire.**
- 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.**
- 3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.**
- 4. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.**
 - a. Operating any internal combustion engine with the exception of a vehicle.**
 - b. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.**
 - c. Using an explosive.**

A one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following cessation of all work as described in #4.

Exemptions for Stage II*:

1. Lewistown area exemption for farming and ranching, utilities, oil & gas operations, and open cut mining per specific conditions. Please contact coordinator for more information.
2. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
3. 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 or surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of device.
4. Operating generators with approved spark arrestors within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead or surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
7. All lands within a city boundary are exempted.
8. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

Additional Stage II Exemptions* Specific to the Lewistown Restrictions Area:

Operations for the following classes of activities and industries that require travel off designated roads or operating equipment powered by an internal combustion engine or other activities are allowed if the mitigation measures described below are met.

Classes of activities and Industries:

- a. Farming and ranching operations, including:
 - Agricultural harvest, planting, and tilling.
 - Care of livestock (feeding, tending, watering, or moving)
 - Routine fence and other maintenance
- b. Utilities, communication, and cable television operations, including:
 - Emergency repairs
 - Routine maintenance of distribution lines, transmission lines and right-of-way
- c. Oil and gas operations.
 - Emergency repairs
 - Routine maintenance and operations
- d. Open cut mining (sand and gravel) and mine rehab operations
 - Emergency repairs
 - Routine Maintenance and operations

Operations that are not covered under an exemption listed above may be granted an individual exemption permit by the agency having jurisdiction on a case-by-case basis. All new construction outside of a developed area requires an individual exemption permit.

Required Mitigation Measures:

1. All vehicles operating under these exemptions must have.
 - Functional exhaust system and/or spark arrestor.
 - Fire extinguisher, minimum class 4BC rating and 2 ½ pounds.
 - At least four gallons of water available, with a minimum of a two-gallon container capable of being pressurized with a hand pump or one five-gallon backpack pump.
 - One firefighting tool per person (#0 shovel or Pulaski).
2. All equipment powered by an internal combustion engine must be equipped with a spark arrestor. A **one-hour foot** patrol in the work area is **required** following cessation of all work as described above.
3. All surface blasting, welding, and grinding will only occur between 1:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Additional requirement includes:
 - A spark shield surrounding the entire area.
 - A **one-hour foot patrol** in the work area is **required** following cessation of all work described above.
4. For any work involving welding, blasting, or grinding or equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, the following firefighting equipment, at a minimum, must always be present on site.
 - At least four gallons of water available, with a minimum of a two-gallon container capable of being pressurized with a hand pump or one five-gallon backpack pump.
 - One firefighting tool per person (#0 shovel or Pulaski).

Recommended Mitigation Measures:

1. When practical, all activities covered under these exemptions should be limited to the hours between **1:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
2. For agricultural harvest, the following is always recommended to be at the work site:
 - **A truck or trailer with 100-gallon capacity water tank and 10 GPM pump with hose**
 - **A tractor with tillage equipment attached for emergency line construction,**

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

STANDARDIZED WORDING FOR SMALL-SCALE CLOSURE**The following acts are prohibited:**

Entering or occupying the following described areas without a written permit; except on permit shall be required of an actual resident going to or from their primary residence, or for persons traveling on paved and numbered highways or occupying designated improved campground immediately adjacent to such highways or for any Federal, State, or local official, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violations:

- You could be fined up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisoned up to 6 months for violating restrictions and closures.
- You can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if you start a fire.

Appendix C-NRCG Board of Directors
Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Board of Directors
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Current as of 2024

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Appendix G-Lewistown Area Media Contact

Newspapers

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Associated Press, News Desk	825 Great Northern Blvd – Ste203 Helena, MT 59601	n/a	442-7440	apmontana@ap.org	Email
Blaine County Journal	217 Indiana, PO Box 279 Chinook, MT 59523	Friday 1700	357-3573	bcjads@mtintouch.net	Email
Daniels County Leader	Scobey	Monday 1200	487-5303	2leader@nemont.net	Email
Glasgow Courier	Glasgow	Friday 1700	228-9301	courier@nemont.net	Email
Great Falls Tribune	Great Falls	Daily 1500	791-1460	tribcity@greatfallstribune.com dmurray@greatfallstribune.com	Email
Havre Daily News	Havre	Mondays-1100	265-6795	news@havredailynews.com tleeds@havredailynews.com	Email
Judith Basin Press	Stanford	Tuesday 1300	566-2471	editor@lewistownnews.com	Email
Lewistown News Argus	Lewistown	Tuesday 1700 Thursday 1700	535-3401	editor@lewistownnews.com newsstaff@lewistownnews.com	Email
Northern Plains Independent	P.O. Box 378 Wolf Point MT 59201	Tuesday 0900	653-2775	independent@nemont.net	Email
Phillips County News	Malta	Monday 0900	654-2020	pierrepnews@gmail.com	Email
River Press	Fort Benton	Monday 1800	622-3311	riverpressnews@gmail.com	Email
Sheridan County News	Plentywood	Tuesday 1100	765-2190	scnews@nemont.net	Email
The Greeter	Plentywood	Friday 1700	765-1733	thegreeter@aol.com	Email
The Mountaineer	Big Sandy	Friday 1200	378-2176	bsm1@mtintouch.net	Email
Times-Clarion	Harlowton	Tuesday 1200	632-5633	harlotms@itstriangle.com	Email
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KEMC FM Yellowstone PublicRadio	Billings	657-2941	657-2977	Nicky@ypradio.org	Email or fax
KOJM	Havre	265-7841	265-8855	nmb@nmbi.com	Email
KXLO/Rock 95	Lewistown	535-3441	535-3495	news@kxlo-klcm.com	Email
KMMR	Malta	654-2472	654-2506	kmmrfm@itstriangle.com	Email
KLTZ	Glasgow	228-9336	228-9338	kltz@kltz.com	Email
KCGM – 95.7 FM	Scobey	487-2293		kcgms@nemont.net	Email
KGVA	Fort Belknap	353-4656		gistiffarm@ancollege.edu	Email
Northern Ag Network	Billings	252-6661	245-9755	operations@northernbroadcasting.com	Email
KMON – FM	Great Falls	761-7600		maxcountry945@cherrycreekradio.com	Email
KVCK-FM	Wolf Point	653-1900		kvck@nemont.net	Email
KATQ-FM	Plentywood	765-1480		katqradio@yahoo.com	Email
KTVQ - TV	Billings	252-5611	252-9938	news@ktvq.com	Email
KULR 8 - TV	Billings	656-8000	655-2687	news@kulr.com	Email
KSVI/KHMT – TV	Billings	652-4743 652-7366		pking@ksvi.com	Email
KRTV - TV	Great Falls	791-5400	791-5479	krtvnews@krtv.com	Email
KFBB - TV	Great Falls	453-4370	453-3226	newsroom@kfbb.com	Email

Appendix H-Campgrounds/Site

YES-Campfires are **approved** during Stage I Restrictions
NO-Campfire are **NOT approved** during Stage I Restrictions

Blaine County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Stafford Ferry	BLM	47.7377N X 109.3924W
X		Gist Bottom	BLM	47.8048N X 109.0110W
	X	Faber Reservoir FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.2642N X 109.1292W

Chouteau County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Fort Benton Motorboat Launch	BLM	47.8204N X 110.6634W
X		Fort Benton Canoe Launch	BLM	47.8051N X 110.6798W
X		Wood Bottom	BLM	47.9109N X 110.4925W
X		Judith Landing	BLM	47.7413N X 109.9266W
X		Coal Banks Landing	BLM	48.0322N X 110.2368W
X		Thain Creek Campground	USFS-HLF	47.4755N X 110.5852W
	X	Hole-in-the-Wall	BLM	47.8196N X 110.0645W
	X	Evans Bend	BLM	47.8461N X 110.5817W
	X	Eagle Creek	BLM	47.9135N X 110.0581W
	X	Dark Butte	BLM	47.7830N X 109.9526W
	X	Black Bluff Rapids	BLM	47.9106N X 110.4753W
	X	The Wall	BLM	47.7040N X 109.7539W
	X	Slaughter River	BLM	47.7112N X 109.8487W
	X	Senieurs Ranch	BLM	47.8802N X 110.4742W
	X	Pablo Rapids (Lower Site)	BLM	47.7598N X 109.8869W
	X	Little Sandy	BLM	48.0287N X 110.1356W

Daniels County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
	X	Whitetail Reservoir FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.8672N X 105.1691W

Fergus County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Kipp Recreation Area	BLM	47.6221N X 108.6735W
X		Crystal Lake Campground	USFS-HLF	46.7951N X 109.5099W
	X	East Fork Reservoir	City of Lewistown	46.9817N X 109.2812W
	X	Limekiln Trailhead	BLM	47.1365N X 109.3522W
	X	Collar Peak Trailhead	BLM	47.2085N X 109.2148W
	X	Woodhawk (upper)	BLM	47.7571N X 108.9216W
	X	Woodhawk (lower)	BLM	47.7412N X 108.949W
	X	McGarry Bar	BLM	47.7472N X 109.3587W

Golden Valley County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
	X	Deadman's Basin Reservoir FAS	FWP-R5	46.239N X 109.432W
	X	Big Snowy Mountains WMA	FWP-R5	46.646N X 109.220W

Hill County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Bear Paw Lake FAS (Camp)	FWP-R6	48.3729N X 109.5948W
X		Fresno Reservoir	BOR	48.6572N X 109.9784W
X		Beaver Creek County Park	County	48.3216N X 109.6612W
	X	Bailey Reservoir FAS (Camp)	FWP-R6	48.4725N X 110.1168W
	X	Fresno Tailwater FAS (Camp)	FWP-R6	47.8527N X 110.1380W

Judith Basin County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Ackley Lake	FWP-R4	46.958N X 109.940W
X		Dry Wolf Campground	USFS-HLF	46.979N X 110.518W
X		Hay Canyon Campground	USFS-HLF	46.798N X 110.300W
	X	Russian Flat Campground	USFS-HLF	46.7295N X 110.431W
	X	Indian Hill Camp Area	USFS-HLF	46.813N X 110.287W
	X	Judith Station Day Use	USFS-HLF	46.882N X 110.285W

Petroleum County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Payola Reservoir	BLM	47.117N X 108.459W
X		Crooked Creek Reservoir	USACE	47.4269 X 107.9409W
	X	Petrolia Lake	County/Private	46.942N X 108.235W

Phillips County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Nelson Reservoir	BOR	48.514N X 107.551W
X		Nelson Reservoir-Headgate	BOR	48.514N X 107.551W
X		Buffington Picnic Area-(Buff's)	BLM	47.9197N X 108.5145W
X		Horse Corrals	BLM	47.9227N X 108.5085W
X		Camp Creek Campground	BLM	47.9229N X 108.5046W
X		Montana Gulch Campground	BLM	47.8970N X 108.6267W
X		Cottonwood Campground	BLM	48.5900N X 107.7194W
X		Fourchette Bay	USACE	47.6759N X 107.6707W
X		Buffalo Camp	Private	47.7555N X 107.7673W
	X	Hideaway	BLM	47.7222N X 108.8507W
	X	Bjornberg Bridge FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.5173N X 107.2036W
	X	Cole Ponds FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.5462N X 107-3994W
	X	Alkali Creek FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.3435N X 107.9432W

Roosevelt County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
	X	Lewis & Clark FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.0923N X 105.5498W

Sheridan County:

Yes	No	Optional	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
		X	Brush Lake Campground	FWP-R6	48.5702N X 104.1115W

Valley County:

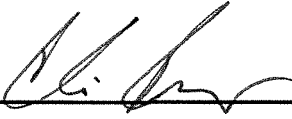
Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
X		Timber Creek	BLM	47.7556N X 107.2756W
X		Troika Reservoir	BLM	47.8108N X 107.1257W
X		Paulo Reservoir	BLM	48.1724N X 106.8693W
X		Downstream Campground	USACE	48.0081N X 106.4364W
X		Floodplain Recreation Area	USACE	48.0081N X 106.4364W
X		Roundhouse Point Recreation Area	USACE	48.0298N X 106.4472W
X		West Tent and Trailer Campground	USACE	48.0009N X 106.4901W
X		Shelter 3 & 4 Recreation Area	USACE	48.0081N X 106.4794W
X		Pines Recreation Area	USACE	47.8425N X 107.2757W
X		West End Shelter 1 Recreation Area	USACE	48.009N X 106.4901W
X		Bone Trail Recreation Area	USACE	47.6737N X 107.2436W
X		Duck Creek Recreation Area	USACE	47.9937N X 106.5224W
	X	Fort Peck Dredge Cut Ponds FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.0811N X 106.4581W
	X	Glasgow Base Pond FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.4294N X 106.5525W
	X	Duck Creek FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	47.9938N X 106.5871W
	X	School Trust FAS (Day)	FWP-R6	48.0811N X 106.4581W

Wheatland County:

Yes	No	Campground/Site	Ownership	Location
	X	Martinsdale Reservoir FAS	FWP-R4	46.451N X 110.282W
	X	Selkirk FAS	FWP-R5	46.465N X 110.224W
	X	Deadman's Basin Reservoir FAS	FWP-R5	46.329N X 109.432W
	X	Haymaker WMA	FWP-R5	46.614N X 110.217W
	X	Harlowton FAS	FWP-R5	46.429 N X 109.837W

Appendix I-Signatures

We agree to the Lewistown Fire Restrictions and Closure Plan for 2024 through 2029
Original signatures are on file with the Area Coordinator.

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USFS Helena-Lewis and Clark NF

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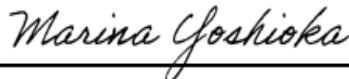
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