

Miles City Area

Fire Restriction and Closure Plan

2022- 2027



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I. Introduction

This Fire Restriction and Closure Plan is an action plan tiered to the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) Restriction and Closure Procedures, dated June 1, 2001, updated May 2013 and effective to 2018. This plan documents the coordination and decision-making process used to implement fire restrictions and closures in the Miles City Fire Restriction Area. Fire restrictions impose many limitations on the general public, and therefore should be implemented only after all other prevention measures have been taken. Closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies, and are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures should be implemented only in situations where the public's safety cannot be guaranteed.

Agencies, tribes, and counties included in the Miles City Fire Restriction Area will be referred to as the cooperators throughout this document. The cooperators include:

- Bureau of Land Management – Eastern Montana/Dakotas District Office
- Bureau of Land Management – Miles City Field Office
- Bureau of Indian Affairs – Northern Cheyenne Agency
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge
- U.S. Forest Service – Custer/Gallatin National Forest
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers – Fort Peck Project
- National Weather Service – Glasgow and Billings Forecast Offices
- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation - Eastern Land Office
- Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- Montana Department of Disaster & Emergency Services
- Montana Counties of Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Powder River, Richland, Rosebud and Wibaux
- South Dakota County of Harding

With all Miles City Fire Restrictions Area cooperators working together, the decision to implement fire **restrictions** lies with each of the agencies, counties and tribes within that area.

The decision to implement **small-scale closure**, associated with an ongoing incident, lies with the agency administrator, county commissioner or tribal chairperson whose land requires the closure.

The decision to implement **large-scale closure** lies with the agency administrators and tribal leaders in the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group.

This plan will be updated every five years.

II. Objectives

- A. This plan will provide clear direction and responsibility for the coordination and implementation of fire restrictions and closure within the Miles City Fire Restriction Area.
- B. This plan will provide standardized wording, criteria, and process for implementing fire restrictions and closures.

III. Area Location

The Miles City Fire Restriction Area includes **all** lands within the counties of Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Powder River, Richland, Rosebud and Wibaux Counties in Montana and Harding County in South Dakota. (See Area map -- Appendix A)

IV. Responsibilities

Restrictions Coordinator (and designated alternate): 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. Duties include: monitoring the fire restriction guidelines; gathering information from each cooperator needed to make informed decisions; monitoring fire activity, ERC levels, and prevention efforts; notifying the NRCG of the Area's impending restrictions or rescinding of restrictions; communicating with neighboring areas on their activity; coordinating restriction orders/rescinding orders and date of implementation; working closely with the media coordinator on public notification; and updating the national fire restrictions website.

Lead Agency Administrator: This person may be a Forest Supervisor, State Area Manager, BLM Field Manager, Tribal Chairperson, County Commissioner, etc. or a designee. The Lead Agency Administrator is responsible for ensuring that all agency administrators, tribal chairpersons and county governments are discussing restrictions and resolving issues within the Miles City Area that cannot be resolved by the agency, county and tribal representatives.

Agency Administrators: Leaders and decision-makers for their respective agencies, counties, or tribes. Making sure that all documentation is current and legal. Making sure that there is a designator person who can make the decision on fire restrictions for the land they represent.

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

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

County Representatives: Contacts for counties in the restriction area, often the County DES officer or Fire Warden; liaison for the county commissioners and city officials.

Media Coordinator/Public Relations: Every Agency and County is responsible for sending press releases to the media addressing fire bans, restrictions, closures, and rescinding notices. The Media Coordinator will assist in providing media contact information and giving guidance on press releases.

V. Decision Criteria

Fire restrictions and closures require a high degree of coordination between all cooperators within the restriction area, between adjacent restriction areas, and between the restriction areas and the NRCG restrictions coordinator. This coordination must be continuous from the time restrictions are first proposed until cancellation of all restrictions.

The Cooperators in the restriction area will continuously monitor weather, fuel conditions and other factors that will indicate when restrictions or closures are warranted. The decision criteria are a combination of all values, not just one or two. Current information on the primary criteria can be found at www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/fuels_fire-danger/fuels_fire-danger.htm.

NRCC Zone Indices:

NR13 - Northern Plains & Missouri Breaks:

https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/fuels_fire-danger/graphs/psa13.htm

NR14 - Southern Montana (Big Horn/Powder River):

https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/fuels_fire-danger/graphs/psa14.htm

NR15 - Northeast Montana & Northwest North Dakota:

https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/fuels_fire-danger/graphs/psa15.htm

NR16 - Southeastern Montana & Southwest North Dakota:

https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/fuels_fire-danger/graphs/psa16.htm

| CRITERIA | STAGE I | STAGE II | CLOSURE |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| ERC (3-day average) | 90-94th percentile | 95-97th percentile | 98th+ percentile |
| Burn Index | 90-94th percentile | 95-97th percentile | 98th+ percentile |
| Live Fuel Moisture | ≤100 | ≤75 | ≤50 |
| 1000-hour fuels | ≤14 | ≤13 | ≤12 |

Fuel Model Y used for fire danger rating system.

Additional Criteria:

- Interagency initial attack resources within the Miles City Fire Zone 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 uses or high-profile events.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks predicted to continue.
- Regional preparedness level
- Life safety is jeopardized.
- ERC/NFDRS

When fire managers see that the above-mentioned criteria are being approached, discussions on the need for *restrictions* will begin.

In addition to the above criteria for fire restrictions, the following additional criteria need to be evaluated whenever a *closure* is being considered.

- Potential for extreme 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.
- Interagency resources across the geographic area are at a critical shortage level.

When trends indicate the approach of restrictions, Fire Managers from each agency and county will advise their supervisors and Public Information Officers, and alert outlying offices of impending restrictions to provide enough lead time for prevention signing and for public notification. Many small community newspapers are only printed once a week. Their deadlines need to be considered. Decisions should be made early in the week if there are plans to invoke or cancel restrictions by the weekend. Doing this will enable agencies and cooperators to reach the most people. Restrictions should never be implemented during the weekend unless an emergency exists.

If one or more cooperators within the restriction area are considering implementing fire *restrictions*, they will contact the Area Restrictions Coordinator who will call a meeting of all cooperators within the area to talk about the need to start the restriction process. The decision to go into *restrictions* will be coordinated with adjacent restriction areas/agencies. The NRCG will be kept informed.

Small-scale closures may be necessary for isolated areas where public and firefighter 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 Restrictions Coordinator. NRCG will be kept informed throughout the process.

The Geographic Area Administrators through the NRCG will handle *large-scale closures*.

VI. Implementation Procedures

The following is a description of the procedures and time frames to be used, and the responsible person to carry out each task. The leaders whose jurisdiction lies within the restriction area will agree when to move into each stage of restriction. They have the flexibility to decide how much of the area needs to be placed under restrictions. Not all the area needs to move into restrictions at the same time or be in the same restriction stage. However, ideally one agency or county should not go into a different restriction stage or refuse to go in at all unless agreed upon by the other entities in the area. ***The public needs to be able to easily understand the location of the areas put into restrictions or closure. This needs to be thought out since restrictions has a big impact on everyday life and business in the area.***

The **final** decision to implement fire restrictions lies with each agency administrator, tribal leader or county commissioner.

The decision to implement *small-scale closure* lies with the agency administrator, tribal leader or county commissioner or whose land requires the closure. Where more than one jurisdiction is involved, the entities involved will coordinate these closures. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will immediately be informed of the decision and will inform the other cooperators within the restriction area and adjacent agencies and restriction areas. NRCG will be informed of the decision.

Geographic Agency Administrators will implement *large-scale closure* through NRCG.

The timeframe for going into each restriction and closure should allow for adequate public and agency notification in order to deal with signing the orders, exemptions, prevention signing, etc. and should be agreed to by all cooperators.

Coordination with adjacent areas and other affected agencies in the restriction area (Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), law enforcement, etc.) that will be impacted is essential. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will notify adjacent restriction areas of the decision in order to coordinate prevention signing and public information.

Fire prevention signing should be coordinated so the message is in line with the restrictions as they are implemented. Each cooperator will be responsible for signing on the lands over which they have authority to implement restrictions and closures.

After the decision has been made to go into restrictions or closure, all employees of all restriction area cooperators should be notified immediately by their agency. The affected political offices should also be contacted immediately. This will be the responsibility of the DNRC and local government representatives.

The next step is to issue the appropriate special order. To provide for interagency standardization across various ownerships, the wording for the two restriction stages as set forth in the “NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures” will be used in all restriction orders (see Appendix C). Each cooperator shall have orders pre-written with the standardized wording. The agency administrator, tribal leader or county commissioner is responsible for signing the *restriction* orders and *small-scale closure* orders and the NRCG agency administrator or tribal leader are responsible for signing the *large-scale closure* order.

Appendix C contains the standardized wording for the two restriction stages as found in the “NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures.”

Appendix F contains a quick list of campgrounds or campsites that will/will not allow campfires during Stage 1 fire restrictions.

News releases will be issued immediately so the public has as much advanced notice as possible, one day at minimum. This is the responsibility of the each Agency and Cooperator in the affected area. When group news releases, brochures, public service announcements, etc. are being considered, then the Media Coordinator will develop pre-written material and receive pre-approval from all agencies and cooperators in the fire restriction area. The use of a fire information/media team to coordinate restriction press releases could be employed if deemed necessary.

All cooperators in the restriction area will send an email notification and a *signed* copy of their restriction orders by email, to the Area 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 closure, a list of exemptions will be attached to the Closure Order and sent to the Restrictions Coordinator. The Restrictions Coordinator will inform the National Fire Restrictions web site manager of implementation or changes in restriction levels.

The Area Restrictions Coordinator will email each agency and cooperator in the restrictions area copies of all signed restriction orders with developed recreation sites/closure orders with exemptions attached. When available a map showing where the restrictions/closures are located and the current restriction stage for those areas will be emailed.

VII. Rescission Procedures

The rescission of fire restrictions or closures will follow the same process identified above in Implementation Procedures. Areas should plan restrictions for the long-term danger and not jump at short fluctuations in risk, weather, and fire danger. When rescinding a Closure Order, enough time should be given to allow for signing of areas that might still need to be closed such as near ongoing fires.

VIII. Communication Plan

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

When weather conditions or special circumstances indicate a very high potential for devastating fires to occur, fire restrictions or closure will likely be imposed. When conditions warrant fire restrictions to be implemented or changed, each agency, tribal or county representative will advise their decision-makers. All employees should be advised of the situation. The special order will be prepared and signed with enough lead-time to provide proper notifications and make preparations for appropriate prevention signing.

The restrictions and closures website is mtfireinfo.org. Click on Montana map for information, maps, what areas are in restrictions, what level, etc. Go to Montana and click on County to see what agencies are affected and to get more written information. This information comes from the documents that the counties and agencies give the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator.

Key contacts will be advised in a timely manner about decisions concerning implementation or rescission of restrictions or closure, see Appendix D - Contact List. This can best be handled through group e-mail process.

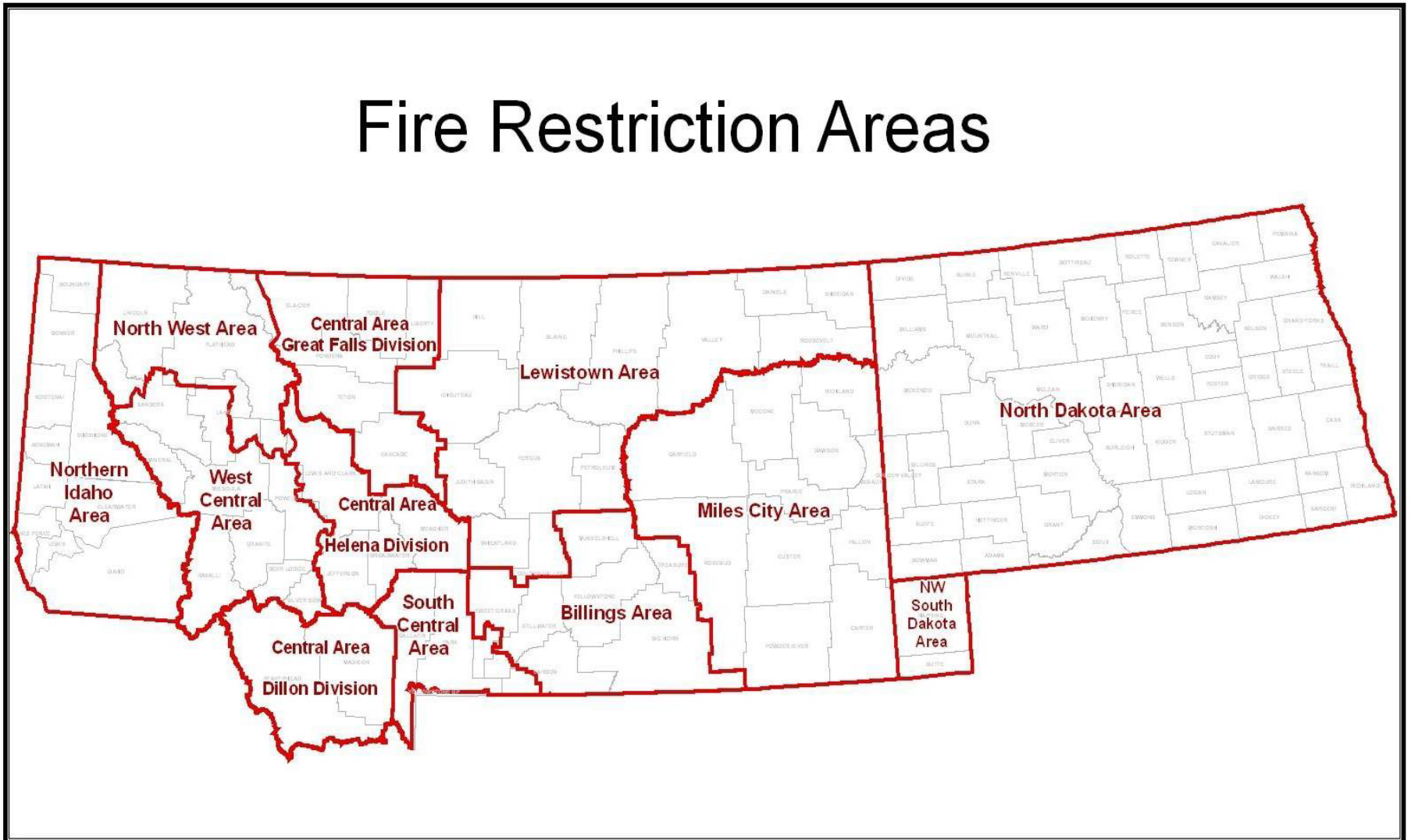
Each cooperator is responsible for notifying special use permittees and contractors such as outfitters and timber companies doing business on their land. The DNRC will notify state offices and the local government representative will notify county offices.

The public will be notified through a combination of media news releases, public service announcements, social media, prevention signing, and personal contacts. Agencies and Cooperators are responsible for notifying the media/public about current restriction situation. The Media Coordinator will assist with keeping media information current and available to Agencies/Cooperators and sharing examples of press release templates. Most media outlets receive their news through email. Emails should contain information in the body, along with attaching documents to the email to assure information is delivered.

See Appendix E for the Media Contact List

- IX. Prevention Message Material** – Prevention message material can be found at <https://firesafemt.org/> – one less spark – media. There are pre-written PSA's and news releases in the media folder. Just fill in the blank with your information. A fire prevention team can be brought in to help if there are special events or conditions that warrant their help. The fire prevention teams are ordered just like any other incident team with a minimum of three to four people.

Fire Restriction Areas



Appendix B

| Miles City AREA AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Updated 5/28/2024 | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Position | Name | Agency | Phone | E-mail |
| Manager | Camrud, Jodi | BIA Rocky Mountain Region | 406-247-7943 | Jodi.camrud@bia.gov |
| Field Manager | Dan Fox | Miles City Field Office | 406-233-2837 | dfox@blm.gov |
| DNRC Area Manger Miles City | Chris Pileski | Area Manger DNRC | 232-2034 | cpileski@state.mt.us |
| FWP Regional Supervisor | Brad Schmitz | FWP | 406-234-0913 | brschmitz@mt.gov |
| Commissioner | Rod Tauck | Carter County | 939-0780 | rtauck@cartercounty.us |
| | Mike Watkins | | 605-645-0076 | mwatkins@cartercounty.us |
| | Pamela Castleberry | | 406-975-6837 | pcastleberry@cartercounty.us |
| Admin Asst | | | | |
| County Commissioners | Kevin Krausz, | County of Custer | 406-874-3351 | k.krausz@co.custer.mt.us |
| | Jason Strouf, | | 406-874-3352 | j.strouf@co.custer.mt.us |
| | Jeff Faycosh | | 406-874-3350 | j.faycosh@co.custer.mt.us |
| County Commissioners | Ray Rost | County of Fallon | 406-978-2213 | |
| | Steve Baldwin | | 406-978-3149 | |
| | Kevin Braun | | 406-978-2704 | |
| County Commissioners | Dennis Zander | County of Dawson | 406-345-4102 | |
| | Brad Mitchell | | 406-345-4101 | |
| | Joe Sharbono | | 406-345-4103 | |
| County Commissioners | Jerry Coldwell | County of Garfield | 406-557-2434 | gccomm@midrivers.com |
| | Jerry | | | |

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| | Collins | | | |
| | Teddy Robertson | | | |
| County Commissioners | Lonny Jensen | County of McCone | (406) 485-5296 | jensenlonny@hotmail.com |
| | Alan Stempel | | (406) 485-2419 | stempelalan@gmail.com |
| | Ty R. Taylor | | (406) 485-2869 | osukeri@yahoo.com |
| County Commissioners | Lee Randall | County of Powder River | (406) 436-2361 | lrandall@prco.mt.gov |
| | John Olson | | (406) 436-2361 | jolson@prco.mt.gov |
| | Lorie Fortner | | (406) 436-2361 | fortner@prco.mt.gov |
| County Commissioners | Deanna Bockness | County of Prairie | 406-436-2657 406-635-5575/5690/ | |
| | Todd Devlin | | | |
| | Christine Keltner | | | |
| County Commissioners | Loren Young | County of Richland | 406-433-6806/6805/6807 (406) 433-1706 | lyoung@richland.org |
| | Duane Mitchell | | | dmitchell@richland.org |
| | Shane Gorder | | | sgorder@richland.org |
| County Commissioners | Scott Hein | County of Rosebud | 406-346-2251 | shein@rosebudcountymt.com |
| | Ed Joiner | | | ejoiner@rosebudcountymt.com |
| | Bob Lee | | | rlee@rosebudcountymt.com |
| County Commissioners | Darin Miske AL Knight Seth Domek | County of Wibux | 406-796-2481 | |
| Area Manager | Bollman, Jeff | DNRC Southern Land Office | 406-247-4404 | jbollman@mt.gov |
| Manager | Santavy, Paul | US Fish & Wildlife Service | | paul_santavy@fws.gov |
| Forest Supervisor | Erickson, Mary | USFS Custer Gallatin | | |

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| | | NF | | |
| Custer/Gallatin NF FMO | Scott Schuster | Custer Gallatin NF | 850-3202 | sschuster@fs.fed.us |

Appendix C

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

The Following Acts Are Prohibited Until Further Notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless as 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.

Stage I Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes 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 materials within three 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. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

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

STAGE II RESTRICTIONS

The Following Acts Are Prohibited Until Further Notice:

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire or 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. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:
 - a. Operating any internal combustion engine.
 - b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
 - c. Using an explosive

A one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following the cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

Stage II Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes 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. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
8. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
9. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

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

SMALL-SCALE CLOSURE

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

Going into or being upon the following described areas without a written permit:
(Description of area)

Exemptions:

1. Actual residents going to or from their home.
2. Persons traveling on paved and numbered highways.
3. Persons occupying designated improved campgrounds immediately adjacent to such highways.
4. Any Federal, State, or local official, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Appendix D

| Miles City Area Fire Restriction Committee Representative Contact List | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| Updated 5/28/2024 | | | | |
| Title | Name | Agency | Phone | E-mail |
| Restriction Coordinator | Randy Keeran | BLM Miles City Field Office | (406) 233-2906 | rkeeran@blm.gov |
| Restriction Coordinator ALT. | Isaac Wald | BLM Billings Field Office | 896-2946 | iwald@blm.gov |
| Media Coordinator | Boucher, Ann | BLM MT/DAK State Office | 896-5255 | aboucher@blm.gov |
| Media Coordinator State office | Brittany Jones | BLM MT/DKs Comms Chief | (406) 896-5260 | bejones@blm.gov |
| Media Coordinator EMDD | Mark, Jacobsen | EMDD | 233-2831 | mjacobse@blm.gov |
| NWS Billings | Shawn Palmquist | NWS | 406-652-2314 | nws.billings@noaa.gov shawn.palmquist@noaa.gov |
| NWS Glasgow | Patrick, Gilchrist | NWS Glasgow | 406-228-2850 | patrick.gilchrist@noaa.gov |
| | Brandon Bigelbachon | | | brandon.bigelbach@noaa.gov |
| DES District Rep | Jeff Gates | DES | 671-9733 | jgates@mt.gov |
| Northern Cheyenne Agency | Zack Wilson | BIA Cheyenne | 598-9474 | zackary.wilson@bia.gov |
| BIA Rocky Mountain Regional Office FMO | Rogers, Bryce | BIA Rocky Mountain Region | 247-7949 | bia.rmr.fire@gmail.com |
| Miles City Dispatch Center Manager | Amy Lancaster | BLM Miles City Field Office | 233-2900 | alancaster@blm.gov |
| BLM Field Office Manager Miles City | Dan Fox | BLM Miles City | 406-233-2837 | dfox@blm.gov |
| BLM Fire Management Officer | Scott, McAvoy | BLM Miles City Field Office | (406) 233-2875 | smcavoy@blm.gov |

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| Miles City | | | | |
| BLM AFMO | Shay Rogge | BLM Miles City Field Office | (406) 233-2875 | krogge@blm.gov |
| BLM Montana/Dakota State Office Mit/ED | Brandi Van Kleeck | BLM Montana State Office | 208-308-1050 | bvankleek@blm.gov |
| DNRC, Community Preparedness & Wildfire Prevention Program Manager | Berkey, Julia | DNRC Montana | 542-4221 | julia.berkey@mt.gov |
| DNRC, ELO Fire Program Manager | Randy Sanders | DNRC Eastern Land Office | 489-1418 | rasanders@mt.gov |
| DNRC, ELO Restrictions | | DNRC Eastern Land Office | | |
| Montana Fish Wildlife, and Parks Region 5 | Chrissy Webb | MT Fish Wildlife & Parks | 247-2950 | chrislin.webb@mt.gov |
| Montana Fish Wildlife, and Parks Region 7 | Prell, Marla | MT Fish Wildlife & Parks | 234-0926 | mprell@mt.gov |
| Montana Fish Wildlife, and Parks Office Manger | Erin O'Connor | MT Fish Wildlife & Parks | 234-0912 | |
| US Fish and Wildlife Service AFMO Malta | Andy, Schell | US Fish & Wildlife Service | 366-4309 | andrew_schell@fws.gov |
| USFS Custer Gallatin NF Fire Staff | Schuster, Scott | USFS Custer Gallatin NF | | scott.schuster@usda.gov |
| Custer/Gallatin National Forest, Ashland Ranger District | Ron Hecker | Custer/Gallatin National Forest, Ashland Ranger District | 784-2344 | ronald.hecker@usda.gov |
| Custer/Gallatin National Forest, Sioux Ranger District | Kurt Hansen | Custer/Gallatin National Forest, Sioux Ranger | 605-415-0721 | kurt.a.hansen@usda.gov |

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| PIO Custer Gallatin N.F | Marna Daley | USFS Custer Gallatin NF | 570-5526 | marna.daley@usda.gov |
| US Army Corps of Engineers Fort Peck | Cindy Lott Darin McMurry Michele Formdahl Patricia Gilbert | Army Corps of Engineers | | cindy.s.lott@usace.army.mil darin.i.mcmurry@nwo02.usace.army.mil michele.l.fromdahl@usace.army.mil patricia.l.gilbert@usace.army.mil |
| Prevention Custer Gallatin N.F. | Forrest, Ford | USFS Custer Gallatin NR | 223-5630 | forrest.ford@usda.gov |
| Fire Warden Carter County | Neil Kettleman | Carter County | 775-8743 | ccso@midrivers.com |
| Fire Warden Rosebud County | Rodney Dresbach | Rosebud County | 351-1574 | rdresbach@rosebudcountymt.com |
| Fire Warden Powder River County | Ray Ragsdale | Powder River County | 935-2242 | rayrags_goneropin@yahoo.com |
| Fire Warden Custer County | Cory Cheguis | Custer County | 853-2984 | custercountydes@midrivers.com |
| Fire Warden Fallon County | Randy Hoenke | Fallon County | honke@midrivers.com | honke@midrivers.com |
| Fire Warden County Wibaux | Brian Nelson | Wibaux County | 701-218-0267 | firechief@midrivers.com |
| Fire Warden Prairie County | Dwight Tague | Prairie County | 951-6165 | tague@midrivers.com |
| Fire Warden Dawson County | Brad Sharbono | Dawson County | 939-1556 | sharbonofarms@yahoo.com |
| Fire Warden Garfield County | Ray Hagemann | Garfield County | 977-9705 | hagemanjvf@midrivers.com |
| Fire Warden McCone County | Chris Kwasney | McCone County | 974-7489 | kwaz7@midrivers.com |
| Fire Warden Richland County, | Adam Smith | Richland County, | 480-9244 | asmith@richland.org |
| DES Harding Co. SD | Kathy Glines | Harding County | 605-375-3313 | kathy.glines@state.sd.us |

Appendix E

MEDIA CONTACTS Updated 6/25/16 NEWSPAPERS

| Media | Address | Publication Deadline | Phone | FAX | Email | Send |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|-------|
| AgriNews/Western Livestock Reporter | P.O. Box 30755 Billings, MT 59107 | Before 1700 on Mondays | 406-259-5406 | 406-259-6888 | editor@imt.net | Email |
| Associated Press, News Desk Matt Brown, Reporter | 825 Great Northern Blvd Suite 203 Helena, MT 59601 | n/a | 406-442-7440 406-896-1528 | 406-442-5162 406-896-8117 | apmontana@ap.org hln@ap.org mbrown@ap.org | Email |
| Billings Gazette | P.O. Box 36300 Billings, MT 59107 | End of day | 406-657-1241 406-657-1289 | 406-657-1200 | citynews@billingsgazette.com news@billingsgazette.com | Email |
| Big Sky Business Journal | PO Box 3262 Billings, MT 59103 | 5 days before 1st & 15th of month | 406-259-2309 | 406-259-7040 | press@bigskybusiness.com bsbj@imt.net | Email |
| Big Horn County News Bighorn County | PO Box 926 Hardin, MT. 59034 | Before 1300 Tues. Pub. Thur. | 406-665-1008 | 406-665-1012 | news@bighorncountynews.com bsbj@imt.net | |
| Circle Banner McCone County | PO Box 308. Circle, MT 592154 | Before 1300 On Mondays | 406-485-3409 Mary Heide | | banner@midrivers.com | Email |
| Ekalaka Eagle Carter County | PO Box 66 Ekalaka, MT. 59324 | Before 1000 On Tuesday | 406-775-6245 406-775-6541 Erik Lovec | | ekeagle@midrivers.com | Email |
| Fallon County Times Fallon County | PO Box 679 Baker, MT. 59313 | Before 1400 On Tuesday | 406-778-3344 | 406-778-3347 | admin@badlandspatriot.com | Email |
| Hysham Echo Rosebud/Treasure | PO Box 129 214 N 13 th Forsyth, MT 59327 | ? | 406-346-7067 | | cklinker@rangeweb.net | |
| Glasgow Courier | 341 3 rd Ave. South, Glasgow, MT 59230 | Tuesday 1200 | 406-228-9301 | 406-228-2665 | courier@glasgowcourier.com courier@nemontel.net | Email |
| Great Falls Tribune | PO Box 5468 Great Falls, MT 59403 | Daily 1800 | 406-791-1444 | 406-791-1431 | tribcity@greatfallstribune.com scthomps@greatfallstribune.com | Email |
| Independent Press Forsyth Rosebud/Treasure | PO Box 106 183 N 9 th Ave Forsyth Mt 59327 | Before 1200 On Mondays | 406-346-2149 Christy Suits | 406-346-2140 | ip-news@rangeweb.net | Email |
| Miles City Star Custer County | PO Box 1216 818 Main Miles City, MT 59301 | Before 1200 M-F | 406-234-0450 Marla Prell Elaine Foreman | 406-232-6687 | starcity@midrivers.com mceditor@midrivers.com | Email |

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| Nation Center News Harding County | PO Box 107 Buffalo, SD 57720 | Before 1700 On Monday | 605-375-3228 Wally or Linda | 605-375-3615 | ncn@sdplains.com | Email |
| Powder River Examiner Powder River County | PO Box 328 Broadus MT 59317 | Before 1200 On Tuesday | 406-436-2244 Billy Stuver | 406-436-2244 | prexaminer@rangeweb.net | Email |
| Rapid City Journal | 507 Main St. Rapid City, SD 57701 | | 605-394-8300 | 605-394-8463 | news@rapidcityjournal.com | |
| Glendive Ranger Review Dawson County | PO Box 61 119 W. Bell Glendive MT 59330 | Before 1200 on Tuesday & Friday | 406-377-3303 | 406-377-5435 | rrnews@rangerreview.com | Email |
| Jordan Tribune Garfield County | PO Box 322 317 Main Jordan Mt | Before 1200 On Tuesday | 406-557-2337 Janet | 406-557-6248 | tradewind@midrivers.com | Email |
| Sidney Herald Richland County | PO Box 310 310 2nd Ave N Sidney MT 59270 | Before 1400 on Monday & before 1400 on Thursday | 406-433-2403 Bill Vander Weele | 406-433-7802 | editor@sidneyherald.com | Email |
| Terry Tribune Prairie County | PO Box127 204 Logan Ave Terry MT 59349 | Before 1200 On Monday | 406-635-5513 Kaye | 406-635-2149 | tribune@midrivers.com | Email |
| Western Ag Reporter | P.O. Box 30758 18 th & Minnesota Ave Billings, MT 59101 | Friday 1600 | 406-259-4589 | 406-259-6888 | editor@westernagreporter.com | Email |
| Wibaux Pioneer Gazette Wibaux County | PO Box 218 Wibaux, MT.59349 | Before1700 On Monday | 406-796-2218 Carmen Hahn | 406-796-6218 | wibaux@midrivers.com | Email |
| Yellowstone County News/ Southern Ag | PO Box 130 130 Northern Ave, Huntley, MT. 59037 | Julie DelCamp | 406-348-2649 | 406-348-2650 | info@yellowstonecountynews.com | Email |

MEDIA CONTACTS Television

| Media | Address | Publication Deadline | Phone | FAX | Email | Send |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|------|
| KHMT TV | 445 S. 24 West Billings, MT 59102 | | 652-4743 | 652-6963 | seaton@ksvi.com | |
| KTVQ 2 TV (CBS) | 3203 Avenue North Billings, MT 59101 | | 252-5611 | 869-2249 | news@ktvq.com | |
| KULR 8 TV(NBC) | 2045 Overland Ave Billings, MT 59102 | | 656-8000 656-8558 655-2669 | 655-2688 | news@kulr.com | |
| KXGN (CBS) | 210 South Douglas Glendive, MT 59303 | | 406-377-3377 | 406-365-2181 | newsdesk@kxgn.com | |
| FOX 4/KSVI 6 | 445 S. 24 West | | 652-4743 | 652-6963 | seaton@ksvi.com | |

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| TV(ABC) | Billings, MT 59102 | | | | |
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Radio

| Media | Address | Contact | Phone | FAX | Email | Send |
|---|--|-------------------|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| KCTR 102.9 FM KCHH/KBUL 95.5/95.1 FM KMHK 103.7 FM KKBR /KISS 97.1 FM KBUL 970 AM | Townsquare Media Broadcasting 27 N. 27 th Billings, Mt 59101 | Adella | 248-7827 | 252-9577 | Adella.Sutton@townsquaremedia.com | Fax or Email |
| KBLG 910 AM KRKX 94.1 FM KRZN 96.3 FM | Desert Mountain Broadcasting 2075 Central Ave. Billings, MT. 59102 | | 248-7777 | 652-4889 | newsroom@kblg.com | |
| KURL 93.3 | PO. Box 30315 Billings MT 59107 | | | | genmgr@kurlradio.com | |
| KEMC FM | Public Radio 1500 North 30 th Billings, MT 59101 | Nady Faulx | 406-657-2972 | 657-2977 | nadya@ypradio.org , | Fax or Email |
| KURL 97.5 FM | Billings Catholic Radio 941 Grand Av. Billings | MELANIE REDMAN | 406-294-5250 | | melanier@kjerradio.com | |
| KYSK105.1 KGHL 790 AM KGHL 98.5 FM KRSQ 101.9 FM KRPB 107.5 | New Northwest Broadcasters 222 N. 32 nd Billings, MT 59101 | | 238-1000 | 238-1038 | billings@nnbproduction.com | Email or Fax |
| Media | Address | Contact | Phone | FAX | Email | Send |
| Northern Broadcasting System | P.O. Box 1742 600 1 st Ave North Billings, MT 59103,59101 | Colter Brown | 252-9755 | | newsdesk@northernbroadcasting.com | Email |
| KFLN | PO BO Box790 Baker Montana 59313 | | 406-778-3371 | 406-778-3373 | kfln@midrivers.com | either |
| KATL 770am | 818 Main Miles City, MT 59301 | | 406-234-7700 | 406-282-7783 | katlradiosales@katlradio.com | Email |
| KYUS 92.3 FM KMTA 1050 AM | 508 Main St Miles City, MT. 59301 | Terry | 234-5626 C 853-5903 | 874-7000 | terry@kyuskmta.com | Email or Fax |

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| KIKC 101.3 FM | 210 Front Street Forsyth, MT 59327 | | 406-346-2711 | 346-2712 | kick@rangeweb.net | Email or Fax |
| KTHC 95.1 FM Sidney KYYZ 96.1 FM Williston KEYZ 660 AM Williston | Northern Plains Radio Network 410 E 6 th street Williston, ND.58802 | | 406-433-5090 701-572-5371 | 406-433-5095 701-572-7511 | Power95@midrivers.com | Fax ND |
| KGLE 590 AM | 86 Seven Mile Drive Glendive, MT 59330 | | 406-377-3331 | 377-3332 | kgle@midrivers.com | Email |
| KXGN 1400 AM KDZN 96.5 FM | 210 South Douglas Glendive, MT. 59330 | | 406-377-3377 | 406-3652181 | studios@kygn.com | Email or Fax |
| KHDN 1230 AM KYLW 1450 AM | PO Box 230 Hardin, MT. 59034 | | 665-2828 | 665-2131 | rich@bigskyradio.net Doesn't open e-mail attachments | Email or Fax |

OTHER MEDIA

| Media | Address | Contact | Publication Deadline | Phone | FAX |
|---------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Associated Press | Helena, MT | | | 442-7440 | 406-442-5162 |
| Spokesman Review | Spokane, WA | | | | 509-459-5482 |
| Associated Press ND | | | | | 701-224-0158 |
| Associated Press SD | | | | | 605-224-8513 |

Appendix F

Campground/Site Designation during Stage 1 Restrictions

YES – Campfires are approved during Stage 1 Restrictions
NO – Campfires are NOT approved during Stage 1 Restriction

Carter County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Custer County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Dawson County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Fallon County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Garfield County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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McCone County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Prairie County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Powder River County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Richland County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Wibaux County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Harding County:

| YES | NO | Campground/Site | Ownership | Legal/Latitude/Longitude |
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Appendix G

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ERICKSON


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Mary Erickson, Supervisor Date
Custer/Gallatin National Forest

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Sandra TWO TWO, Agency Superintendent Date
Northern Cheyenne Agency
Bureau of Indian Affairs



6/21/22

Chris Pileski, Area Manager Date
Eastern Land Office
Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation

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Paul Santavy, Refuge Manager Date
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge



4/22/22

Brad Schmitz, Regional Supervisor Date
Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region 7

ERIC LEPISTO

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Eric Lepisto, Acting District Manager Date
Eastern Montana/Dakotas
Bureau of Land Management



Jeff Gates, District Representative Date 4/8/22
Montana Disaster of Emergency Services

Appendix G

County Commissioner Review Signatures

The Miles City Area Fire Restrictions and Closure Plan will be reviewed every five years or sooner, if necessary, to ensure compliance with national and state standards and procedures. If conflicts or issues arise during the fire season, the policy will be immediately reviewed, and changes made by the County Commissioner Chair that represent the agency's listed in Appendix G of plan.

Appendix G of plan.
See J. Bell 3-21-22
x Date

x Date
Carter County Commissioner Chair

x Date
Powder River Commissioner Chair

Jason Strouf Date 3/23/2022
Custer County Commissioner Chair

Todd Dub 3/16/2022
v Date

x Date
Custer County Commissioner Chair

x Date
Prairie County Commissioner Chair

Joe Sharbone

Quane Mitchell
x Date

x Date 3/11/22
/
Dawson County Commissioner Chair
Commissioner

x Date 3/22/22
Richland County

Ray Hood
v Date

Davey Martin 3/11/2022

X Date 3-15-22
Fallon County Commissioner Chair

x Date
Rosebud County Commissioner Chair

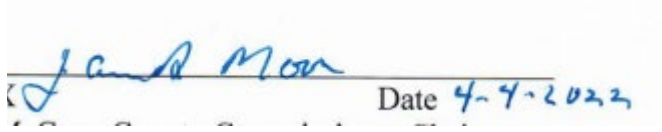
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Jerry Ellis 4/21/22
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Wibaux County Commissioner Chair

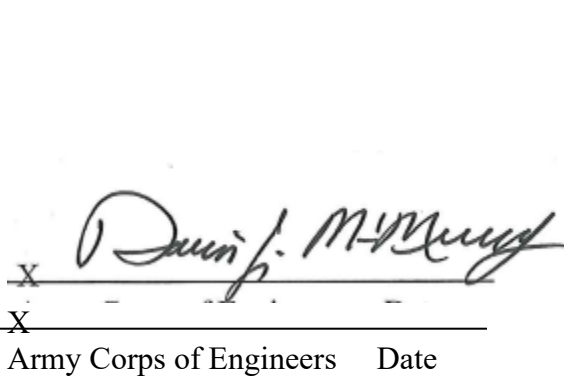
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Garfield County Commissioner Chair



J. A. Moran Date 4-7-2023

X Date
McCone County Commissioner Chair

x Date
Harding Commissioner Chair



X Daniel M. Murray Date

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