



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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To: Northern Rockies Interagency Wildland Fire Community

From: Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Subject: NRCG Restrictions and Closure Procedures

Following the 2012 fire season, Restriction Coordinators and the NRCG Fire Prevention Education Committee (FPEC) conducted an after-action review of the restrictions process. The AAR resulted in minor procedural changes, which helped to streamline the fire restrictions process. The Northern Rockies region wide Fire Restrictions and Closures Procedures for 2013-2018 were developed and used through 2019. In the Fall of 2019, a review and updating of each agency's authorities was conducted by the FPEC. This resulted in an updated document that has been approved by the NRCG Board.

The NRCG Operating Plan for Fire Restriction and Closure Procedures tiers from the Cooperative Fire Wildland Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreements for the states of Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The NRCG Fire Restrictions and Closure Procedure for 2020 will stay in effect until updated and/or rescinded by the NRCG Board. All are encouraged to disseminate this document to the managers within your agency or organization, as well as others who will be involved with the restrictions process. This plan and additional information can be found on the NRCG website at: https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/nrcg/restrictions_closures/restrictions_and_closures.htm

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