

**Forest Plan Guidance (Revised Plan 2005) for Fire Management
(Chapter I, Pages I-48 and I-49, as published in January 2006 Errata)**

Fire

- Guidelines 1. Apply an appropriate management response¹ (suppression or fire use) to all ignitions, according to the Forest Fire Management Plan and the Appropriate Management Response (AMR) map in Appendix A of the Revised Plan. Refer to the following table for tactical options and prescribed fire direction.

Table 1-12. Fire management direction for the Bighorn National Forest.

Management Area	Unplanned Ignitions Wildland Fire		Planned ignitions
	Must be managed as unwanted wildland fires if human-caused, if approved fire use plan does not exist, or when fire presents unacceptable threat to human safety or values to be protected.		May be implemented by mgmt action authorized by approved plans
	Tactical Options		Prescribed fire
Mechanized Equipment	Aerial Retardant Application		
1.11, 1.13	X ^{2 a}	X	
1.2	X ^{13 b}	X	X
1.31	X ³	X	X
1.32, 1.33	X ¹⁴	X	X
1.5	X ⁴	X	X
MW	X ⁵	X	X
2.2	X ¹⁴	X	X
3.31	X	X	X
3.4	X ¹⁴	X	X
3.5	X	X	X

¹ Appropriate Management Response – The response to a wildland fire is based on an evaluation of risks to firefighter and public safety, the circumstances under which the fire occurs, including weather and fuel conditions, natural and cultural resource management objectives, protection priorities and the values to be protected. (Review and Update of the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, January 2001)

^{2 a} Dozers are prohibited except with Regional Forester approval. Use of helicopters, motorized equipment, and mechanical transport is prohibited except with Forest Supervisor approval.

^{13 b} Dozers and engines are prohibited except with Forest Supervisor approval. Chainsaws, ATVs, and pumps are allowed without Forest Supervisor approval.

¹⁴ Dozers are prohibited except with Forest Supervisor approval. Chainsaws, engines, ATVs and pumps are allowed without Forest Supervisor approval.

⁴ Dozers and motorized vehicles are prohibited except with Forest Supervisor approval. The prohibition of dozers and motorized vehicles does not apply in T58N, R89W, Sections 19 and 30 in the Little Bighorn River. Chainsaws and pumps are allowed without Forest Supervisor approval.

⁵ Subject to consultation with appropriate parties and/or Historic Preservation Plan (HPP).

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4.2	X	X	X
4.3	X	X	X
4.4	X	X	X
5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.4, 5.5	X	X	X
5.41	X	X	X
8.22	X	X	X

X – allowed
XL – allowed with line officer approval for specific incident.

2. In areas where wildland fire use is the AMR, as designated on the on the AMR map, use natural ignitions to accomplish resource management objectives.
3. Reduce the threat of wildfire to public and private developments by following guidelines in the National Fire Protection Association Publication 1144, *Standards for Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire*.
4. Reduce activity fuels resulting from all projects/activities to acceptable levels in a cost effective manner.
5. Avoid aerial application of retardant in wetlands and riparian areas unless necessitated by human safety or property loss considerations.

Note: Some of the above footnote #'s have same text as Revised Plan, but numbering skewed during copy/past function.

Bighorn National Forest Appropriate Management Response (AMR)

