

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS - STAGE I

This Proclamation is issued in compliance with State of Montana Fire Regulation Number 9 Sub-Chapter 1, 36.10.119, Administrative Rules of Montana (which was promulgated under the authority of Section 76-13-104, Montana Code Annotated), which restricts certain activities (as defined under Section 76-13-102, Montana Code Annotated).

The following acts are prohibited on all State land and private classified forest land lying within the boundaries of **Beaverhead County**. These restrictions become effective as of 12:01am Mountain Daylight Time, **Monday, August, 10th, 2026**, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

During said restricted period, the following acts are **prohibited**:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below; and
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 and cleared of all flammable materials.

Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorized 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 three feet of the device.
3. Persons conducting activities on 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 the city or town boundary is exempted.

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

Dated this **10th of August, 2026**, at Helena, Montana.

/S/ WYATT FRAMPTON
WYATT FRAMPTON
DEPUTY FORESTRY DIVISION
ADMINISTRATOR

Failure to comply with this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months or both (Section 76-13-112, Montana Code Annotated).