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# Hebgen Lake Ranger District News Release



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## **Campfire and Smoking Restrictions Effective June 29, 2007 Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest**

Bozeman, MT -- Effective Friday noon (12:00 p.m.), June 29, **campfires and charcoal fires** will be restricted to designated recreation sites on the Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest. This includes portions of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and the Cabin Creek Wildlife Management area that lie within the District boundary. Fires within rock fire rings and the use of wood-burning stoves in canvas wall tents will also be prohibited.

***Restrictions do not apply to liquid fuel stove fires and backpacking stoves.***

“Over the last four days, the Hebgen Lake District has seen an increase in fire activity triggered primarily from escaped campfires; therefore prompting the need for restricting campfire use”, says Bill Queen, District Ranger. “The southern portion of the Forest experienced low snow pack and early run off and did not receive the recent rains that the northern areas experienced. Given these current dry conditions and the lack of measurable moisture in the long range weather predictions, we are seeking the public’s cooperation in adhering to campfire and smoking restrictions.”

In addition, smoking on the Gallatin National Forest will be restricted to: within an enclosed vehicle or building; at a developed recreation site; or in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

If you have questions, please contact your local Forest Service Ranger Station or local county fire department.

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