



News Release

United States
Department of Agriculture

Forest Service
Lewis and Clark National Forest
P.O. Box 869
Great Falls, MT 59403-0869

June 23, 2006
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Bonnie Dearing
(406) 791-7754

FORESTS AND FIREWORKS DON'T MIX

Summer temperatures have arrived, and folks are heading for the cooler, forested highlands. So, officials of the Lewis and Clark National Forest ask forest visitors to review the Forest Fire Regulations issued by the Montana Department of State Lands, Division of Forestry.

Although the fire danger level currently is moderate, it can rise rapidly on windy days in the Lewis and Clark National Forest. A good fire prevention practice for forest visitors to adopt is carrying a bucket and shovel for those camping trips to the forest. Campers also should drown campfires before leaving camping areas.

With the Fourth of July rapidly approaching, forest visitors are reminded that fireworks are **NOT** allowed on National Forest System lands at any time. As always, Smokey Bear cautions, "Remember, Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires."

XXX