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Stage One Restrictions Start Friday for Jefferson Division

GREAT FALLS, Mt., – Due to extreme fire conditions, the Jefferson Division of the Lewis and Clark National Forest will enter Stage I fire restrictions at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2007.

Under Stage I fire restrictions; campfires may only be built in the following designated, developed recreation sites with metal fire rings. Those developed campgrounds are located on the following ranger districts:

- **Belt Creek and White Sulphur Springs:** Aspen Campground, Many Pines Campground, Logging Creek Campground, Kings Hill Campground, Jumping Creek Campground, Grasshopper Campground, Richardson Campground, Moose Creek Campground and Camp Rotary Organizational Camp (special-use permit with Rotary Club)
- **Judith Ranger District:** Dry Wolf Campground, Judith Station, Indian Hill, Hay Canyon, Russian Flat and Crystal Lake Campground
- **Musselshell Ranger District:** Spring Creek Campground

Forest Supervisor, Spike Thompson, says limiting campfires to developed recreation sites will help reduce the risk of a human-caused wildfire during a fire season that got off to an early start.

“Firefighting resources are stretched very thin due to the severe fire situation across the West,” said Thompson. “Our developed recreation sites are safe and maintained to the highest standard to reduce the risk of wildfires, so the public can enjoy recreating on national forests.”

Also included in the Stage I fire restrictions are rules for smoking. Smoking is only allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building or while stopped in an area where at least a three foot diameter is barren and cleared of all flammable material. All smoking materials must be fully extinguished and properly packed out.

Backpack and cooking stoves using liquid petroleum or LFG fuels are allowed; however, users are reminded to ignite them in areas clear of vegetation.

For more information, contact the Lewis and Clark National Forest at 791-7700 or 791-7754.

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