



Special Order
STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

For the Jefferson Division of the Lewis and Clark National Forest
Region One

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all **National Forest System lands administered on the Judith, Belt Creek, White Sulphur Springs and Musselshell Ranger Districts of the Lewis and Clark National Forest**. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become **effective at 12:01 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time, Friday, August 10, 2007** and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

36 CFR 261.52 – Fire

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. [36 CFR 261.52(a)]

For the purpose of this order under Stage 2 fire restrictions, only fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels may be used on National Forest System lands. *All campfires (for example, those within metal campfire rings or rock rings), charcoal fires and wood stoves are not allowed.* Use of wood stoves within a structure (e.g., cabin), with an approved spark arrester screen, are allowed.

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 or cleared of all flammable material.

[36 CFR 261.52(d)]

3. Operating an internal combustion engine. [36 CFR 261.52(h)]

For the purpose of this order under Stage 2 fire restrictions, the following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:

- a) Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering.
- b) Blasting, welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch that generates flame or flammable material. [36 CFR 261.52 (b) and (i)]

A patrol is required for two hours following completion of all work as described above.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this order:

1. Any person with a written permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Done this 8th day of August, 2007 in Great Falls, MT.

/s/ Lesley W. Thompson

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Forest Supervisor

Penalty:

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51