

# STILLWATER COUNTY - SPECIAL EXEMPTION

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## FOR SPECIAL NEEDS DURING STAGE I AND STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON ON SCENE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SITUATION THAT WARRANTS REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION (Sec, Township, Range or Lat -Long GPS) \_\_\_\_\_

STARTING DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ENDING DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK TO BE PERFORMED DURING THE HOURS OF \_\_\_\_\_

### On-site Measures Required

Any work requiring the use of welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open flame, or power tools off a designated road, would require a pumper capable of spraying water under pressure with a minimum of 40 psi at the first outlet, with at least a 200 gallon capacity tank, and with a minimum of 200 feet of hose. All reasonable care should be taken to stay on designated roads. Pumper equipment must be within 100 feet of any operations using welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open flame, or power tools. The use of a spark shield to surround the entire area is required when welding or grinding. One person with communications will be dedicated as a "fire watch" during the above operations, and for two hours after all activity has ceased for the day.

### Vehicle Requirements

In addition to the above, all vehicles will meet the *Montana Forest Fire Rules & Regulations, Rule IV and VIII* during the declared forest fire season. This includes :

- A. One 5-gallon backpack pump. (See note below)
- B. One serviceable fire fighting tool, shovel or a pulaski.
- C. One fire extinguisher with a minimum 2 ½ pounds capacity and 4 BC or higher rating.
- D. All internal combustion engines must be equipped with an approved spark arresting system and/or with an approved muffler and exhaust system.

Note: Two-2 gallon containers capable of being pressurized or with a hand pump capable of spraying water for a distance of 10 feet, or one-10 gallon container with an electric pump and 100 feet of ½ inch hose or enough hose to reach 50 feet beyond an activity may be substituted for the 5 gallon backpack pump. In addition to the above requirement, each vehicle will: 1. Have one firefighting tool per occupant with a least one shovel or a pulaski. 2. Not to be parked or driving over flammable vegetation.

Final approval **may be denied** by the local protection agency (Fire District/Fire Department).

**AN EXEMPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.**

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Chief or designee signature

Fire Department /District Name \_\_\_\_\_

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