

Stage II Fire Restrictions

RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE IN STILLWATER COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 - 12:01 AM

Pursuant to Adoption of Resolution 2017 - 43

Stage II Restrictions: The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using fire or campfire.
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 materials.
3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:
 - a. Operating any internal combustion engine
 - b. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
 - c. Using an explosive.

1- hour foot patrol in the work area is required following the cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.
5. The discharge or use of **fireworks** is prohibited until further notice.

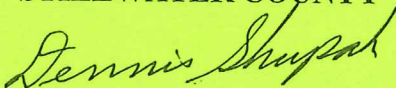
Stage II Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
3. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
8. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
9. Agriculture harvesting, and off road activities associated with the agricultural operations (e.g maintaining livestock, watering facilities, etc.). **1-hour foot patrol is required following cessation of all agriculture activities.**

Violations: You could be fined up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisoned up to 6 months for violating restrictions and closures, and you can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if you start a fire.

DATED this 5 day of September, 2017.

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FWP tightens fire restrictions in Stillwater County

BILLINGS — Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' ban campfires and restrictions on smoking and other activities at its properties in Stillwater County will get stricter starting Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, because of wildfire danger.

FWP will follow the lead of Stillwater County commissioners and enter Stage II fire restrictions. Stillwater County has been under Stage I fire restrictions for several weeks.

FWP properties that will be affected in Stillwater County include the Buffalo Jump, Moraine, Castle Rock, Cliff Swallow, Absaroka, Jeffrey's Landing, Whitebird, Swinging Bridge and Fireman's Point fishing access sites along the Stillwater River south of Columbus as well as the Rosebud Isle fishing access site on the West Rosebud River and Indian Fort, Holmgren Ranch, Homestead Isle and Buffalo Mirage fishing access sites along the Yellowstone River.

Stage II fire restrictions ban campfires and restrict smoking to buildings, vehicles or areas cleared of flammable materials. They also prohibit operating internal combustion engines between 1 p.m. and 1 a.m. each day. People may use stoves that can be turned on and off.

The restrictions are in response to hot, dry weather that could increase the danger of human-caused wildfires. They will be in effect until further notice.

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