



SPECIAL ORDER: No. 12-11-04-03

STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Yellowstone Ranger District

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the **Yellowstone Ranger District on the Gallatin National Forest in Park and Sweet Grass Counties, Montana, except for the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness**. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become effective at 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Friday, July 6, 2012 and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.52(a)

- 1) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below.

For the purpose of this order under Stage 1 fire restrictions, stove fires, campfires and charcoal fires are allowed **ONLY** at developed or designated recreation sites or campgrounds in a agency provided metal fire ring. Fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels may be used anywhere on National Forest System lands during Stage 1 fire restrictions.

- 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.

For the purpose of this order under Stage 1 fire restrictions, the above exception for smoking also includes improved places of habitation, developed designated recreation sites or campgrounds.

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

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. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

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

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Date