# SPECIAL ORDER
# FLATHEAD AND KOOTENAI NATIONAL FORESTS
# REGION ONE

# STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a), (d), (h), and (i) **the following acts are prohibited** on all National Forest System lands administered by the Kootenai and Flathead National Forests in Lincoln, Sanders, Flathead, Missoula, Lewis & Clark, Powell, and Lake Counties, Montana. 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become **effective at 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Thursday, August 20th, 2015** and will remain in effect until rescinded.

## 36 CFR 261.52 - Fire

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

   *Fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG(i.e. propane) fuels may be used anywhere on National Forest System lands during Stage II fire restrictions providing the area is barren and cleared of all flammable material within three feet of the device.*

2. **Smoking exception: only 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. **The Following is prohibited from the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Outside of these hours; a one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following cessation of all activities as identified below:**

   a. **Operating an Internal Combustion Engine [36 CFR 261.52(h)]**

   b. **Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame [36 CFR 261.52 (i)]**

4. **Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails. [36 CFR 261.13]**

**NOTE: This order also applies to all Flathead National Forest System lands within the <u>Bob Marshall, Great Bear, and Mission Mountain</u> Wilderness Areas.**

## Exemptions:

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

1. Persons with a written permit specifically 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.
3. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
4. 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 three feet of the generator.
5. Burning in a wood fueled stove, in an occupied permanent structure, with approved spark arrester

Signed this day on August 20th, 2015

CHRIS SAVAGE
Forest Supervisor
Kootenai National Forest

CHIP WEBER
Forest Supervisor
Flathead National Forest

## 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.