

**SPECIAL ORDER
KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST
REGION ONE**

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Kootenai Forest in Lincoln and Sanders Counties, Montana and Boundary and Bonner Counties, Idaho. 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become **effective at 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Friday, August 4th, 2017** and will remain in effect until rescinded.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, that can be turned on and off, 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 acts are prohibited from the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:**
 - 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)]
 - c. Using an explosive [36 CFR 261.52(b)]

A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all activities as identified in # 3 above.

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. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.

Signed this day on August 1, 2017



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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.