

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

**STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

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 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 Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** and will remain in effect until rescinded.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)]**

**Note:** For the purpose of this order under Stage I fire restrictions; stove fires, campfires and charcoal fires are allowed ONLY at developed designated recreation sites, campgrounds or improved sites, as listed in Exhibit A.

**Fires within rock fire rings are not authorized.**

In addition, completely contained wood stoves with a fire screen or spark arrester are allowed ONLY in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

*Fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels may be used anywhere on National Forest System lands during Stage I fire restrictions.*

- 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)]**

**Note:** For the purpose of this order under Stage I fire restrictions, the above exception for smoking also includes improved places of habitation, developed designated recreation sites, campgrounds or improved sites, as listed in Exhibit A, where an area at least three feet in diameter is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

**NOTE: This order also applies to all Flathead National Forest System lands within the Bob Marshall and Great Bear Wilderness Areas within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.**

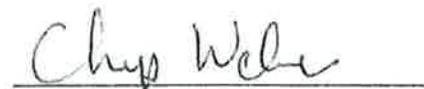
**Exemptions:**

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

1. Persons with a 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.

Signed this day on July 1, 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.

**EXHIBIT A**

In accordance with Stage I Fire Restrictions evoked under this Special Forest Order that, within the developed sites and special use permit resorts listed below, all persons shall be authorized to build and use a campfire within the confines of a metal or concrete fire ring or grill provided by the Forest Service or by the resort for that purpose. **Fires within rock fire rings are not authorized.** This exemption may be rescinded at any time due to severe weather conditions or major fire activity.

**KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST****Fortine Ranger District**

Ant Flat Education Center  
 Big Therriault Campground  
 Birch Creek Recreation Area  
 Blue Lake  
 Clarence Guard Station  
 Dispersed sites along the Grave Cr. Rd.  
 system, north of Birch Cr. Rec Area.  
 Grave Creek Campground  
 Horse Camp  
 Little Therriault Campground  
 Louis Lake  
 Murphy Lake Campground  
 North Dickey Lake Campground  
 South Dickey Lake Day Use Area  
 Weasel Cabin  
 Weasel Lake

**Three Rivers Ranger District**

Bad Medicine Campground  
 Caribou Campground  
 Dorr Skeels Recreation Site  
 Garver Lookout  
 Kilbrennan Lake Campground  
 Pete Creek Campground  
 Redtop Campground  
 Ross Creek Picnic Area  
 Spar Lake Campground  
 Upper Ford Cabin  
 Whitetail Campground  
 Yaak Falls Campground  
 Yaak River Campground

**Rexford Ranger District**

Camp 32 Campground  
 Kamloops Terrace  
 Peck Gulch Campground  
 Rexford Bench Beach  
 Rexford Bench Campground  
 Rocky Gorge Campground

**Libby Ranger District**

Fairview Rental Cabin  
 Howard Lake Campground  
 Koocanusa Marina  
 Lake Creek Campground  
 Loon Lake Campground  
 McGillivray Campground & Day Area  
 McGregor Lake Campground  
 Pleasant Valley Campground  
 Sylvan Lake Campground  
 Timberlane Campground

**Cabinet Ranger District**

Big Eddy Campground  
 Bull River Campground  
 Bull River Guard Station  
 Gem Peak Lookout  
 Marten Creek Campground  
 Minton Peak Lookout  
 North Shore Campground  
 Sex Peak Lookout  
 Triangle Pond Campground  
 Willow Creek Campground

**EXHIBIT A (Cont.)****FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST****Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District**

Big Creek Campground & Day Use Area  
 Challenge Cabin  
 Devil's Corkscrew Campground  
 Devils Creek Campground  
 Doris Boat Launch and Campground  
 Emery Bay Campground  
 Elk Island Campground  
 Ford Cabin  
 Fire Island Campground  
 Great Northern Flats  
 Graves Creek Campground  
 Lakeview Campground  
 Lid Creek Campground  
 Lost Johnny Camp  
 Lost Johnny Point Campground  
 Moose Lake Campground  
 Murray Bay Campground  
 North and South Lion Lake Picnic Areas  
 Red Meadow Campground  
 Riverside Boat Ramp and Campground  
 Ben Rover Cabin  
 Schnaus Cabin  
 Tuchuck Campground  
 Wurtz Cabin  
 Zip's Place Cabin

**Tally Lake Ranger District**

Ashley Lake Boat Launch  
 Ashley Lake North Campground  
 Ashley Lake South Campground  
 Sylvia Lake Campground  
 Star Meadow Cabin  
 Tally Lake Campground  
 Upper Stillwater Lake Campground

**Spotted Bear Ranger District**

Beaver Creek Campground  
 Bunker Park Camping Area  
 Crossover Boat Launch  
 Diamond R Guest Ranch  
 Gorge Creek Trailhead  
 Meadow Creek Trailhead  
 Peters Creek Campground  
 Schafer Meadow Airstrip  
 South Creek Trailhead  
 Spotted Bear Administrative Site  
 Spotted Bear Campground  
 Spotted Bear Guest Ranch  
 Spotted Bear Landing Strip  
 Wilderness Lodge

**Swan Lake Ranger District**

Blair Flats Dispersed Site  
 Holland Lake Lodge, CGs, and Picnic Areas  
 Lindbergh Lake Campground  
 Mission Lookout Cabin Rental  
 Owl Packer Camp  
 Old Condon Ranger Station Rental Cabin  
 Pine Ridge Disperse Site  
 Swan Lake Campground  
 Swan River Dispersed Site  
 Swan Lake Day Use Area  
 Swan Guard Station Rental Cabin