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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions continue in the Kalispell Area

Even with the recent rain and cooler temperatures, fire danger still remains very high. With the rain has come lightning and the Kalispell Area had approximately 20 new fires over the last few days. Fine fuels have been moistened by the rain but the larger fuels, such as branches and down trees, are still very dry and can ignite quickly and burn intensely. The Kalispell Area fire restrictions group would like to thank the public for supporting and complying with Stage 1 fire restrictions that are in effect in many counties.

Stage 1 fire restrictions are still in effect for Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, and Sanders Counties. This includes all private, state, and federally (USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service) managed lands in these counties. Fire Restrictions continue in the Bob Marshall Wilderness lands within the Flathead National Forest. Completely contained wood stoves with a fire screen or spark arrester are allowed **ONLY** in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, instead of campfires.

Under Stage 1, fires are prohibited except within developed recreation sites (See the list below or contact your local agency for a list of sites), and smoking is allowed only in areas cleared of flammable materials. Exemptions include fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG, or other activities for which there is a permit or written authorization.

Counties allow campfires under certain conditions, and it is your responsibility to know what they are before you light one. By state law, a campfire is defined as “a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes; not more than 3 feet in diameter or height; void of overhanging branches; with all combustible material cleared at least 1-1/2 times the diameter of the fire; or a barbecue in a noncombustible container.”

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

The smallest spark has the potential to cause significant damage, so always crush smokes dead out; never leave a campfire unattended; ensure that your vehicle has a properly installed spark arrester that is operational; stop and park only in areas clear of vegetation; and observe all fire

restrictions. Take precautions, but always be prepared: carry a shovel, bucket and fire extinguisher. Also remember that cross country travel is not allowed on most federal and state lands.

For more information please contact your local fire department or go to www.firerestrictions.us

Campfires are allowed at these developed and improved recreation sites on the Kootenai National Forest:

Fortine Ranger District	Rexford Ranger District
Ant Flat Education Center	Camp 32 Campground
Big Therriault Campground	Kamloops Terrace
Birch Creek Recreation Area	Peck Gulch Campground
Blue Lake	Rexford Bench Beach
Clarence Guard Station	Rexford Bench Campground
Dispersed sites along the Grave Cr. Rd. system, north of Birch Cr. Rec Area.	Rocky Gorge Campground
Grave Creek Campground	Libby Ranger District
Horse Camp	Fairview Rental Cabin
Little Therriault Campground	Howard Lake Campground
Louis Lake	Koocanusa Marina
Murphy Lake Campground	Lake Creek Campground
North Dickey Lake Campground	Loon Lake Campground
South Dickey Lake Day Use Area	McGillivray Campground & Day Area
Weasel Cabin	McGregor Lake Campground
Weasel Lake	Pleasant Valley Campground
Three Rivers Ranger District	Sylvan Lake Campground
Bad Medicine Campground	Timberlane Campground
Caribou Campground	Cabinet Ranger District
Dorr Skeels Recreation Site	Big Eddy Campground
Garver Lookout	Bull River Campground
Kilbrennan Lake Campground	Bull River Guard Station
Pete Creek Campground	Gem Peak Lookout
Redtop Campground	Marten Creek Campground
Ross Creek Picnic Area	Minton Peak Lookout
Spar Lake Campground	North Shore Campground
Upper Ford Cabin	Sex Peak Lookout
Whitetail Campground	Triangle Pond Campground
Yaak Falls Campground	Willow Creek Campground
Yaak River Campground	Other campgrounds within the Forest
	Blackwell Flat- Lake Koocanusa
	Dunn Flat- Lake Koocanusa
	Avista's South Shore recreation area in steel fire rings only
	Avista's Pilgrim Creek Park in steel fire rings only

Campfires are allowed at these developed and improved recreation sites on the Flathead National Forest:

Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District	Tally Lake Ranger District
Big Creek Campground & Day Use Area	Ashley Lake Boat Launch
Challenge Cabin	Ashley Lake North Campground
Devil's Corkscrew Campground	Ashley Lake South Campground
Devils Creek Campground	Star Meadow Cabin
Doris Boat Launch and Campground	Sylvia Lake Campground
Emery Bay Campground	Tally Lake Campground
Elk Island Campground	Upper Stillwater Lake Campground
Ford Cabin	Spotted Bear Ranger District
Fire Island Campground	Beaver Creek Campground
Great Northern Flats	Bunker Park Camping Area
Graves Creek Campground	Crossover Boat Launch
Lakeview Campground	Diamond R Guest Ranch
Lid Creek Campground	Gorge Creek Trailhead
Lost Johnny Camp	Meadow Creek Trailhead
Lost Johnny Point Campground	Peters Creek Campground
Moose Lake Campground	Schafer Meadow Airstrip
Murray Bay Campground	South Creek Trailhead
North and South Lion Lake Picnic Areas	Spotted Bear Administrative Site
Red Meadow Campground	Spotted Bear Campground
Riverside Boat Ramp and Campground	Spotted Bear Guest Ranch
Ben Rover Cabin	Spotted Bear Landing Strip
Schnaus Cabin	Wilderness Lodge
Tuchuck Campground	Swan Lake Ranger District
Wurtz Cabin	Blair Flats Dispersed Site
Zips Place Cabin	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
	Van Lake Dispersed Site

Campfires are allowed at these developed and improved recreation sites on Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation land

Swan River State Forest	
Point Pleasant	
Soup Creek	

Campfires are allowed at these developed and improved recreation sites on Montana State Parks land

Big Arm	
Finley Point	West Shore
Lake Mary Ronan	Wayfarers
Logan	Whitefish Lake
Thompson Falls	Yellow Bay

Campfires are allowed at these developed and improved recreation sites in Glacier National Park

Front country Campgrounds and Amphitheaters	Back country campgrounds	Back country campgrounds
Kintla Lake	Adair	Logging Lake FT
Bowman Lake	Atlantic Creek	Lower Quartz Lake
Quartz Creek	Beaver Woman Lake	Many Glacier CG
Logging Creek	Bowman Lake HD	McDonald Lake
Fish Creek	Coal Creek	Ole Creek
Apgar	Elizabeth Lake HD	Park Creek
Sprague Creek	Gable Creek	Red Eagle Lake FT
Avalanche	Glenns Lake HD	Reynolds Creek
Rising Sun	Goat Haunt Shelters	Slide Lake
St. Mary	Grace Lake	Two Medicine CG
Many Glacier	Harrison Lake	Upper Kintla Lake
Cut Bank	Lake Isabel	Upper Nyack
Two Medicine	Lake Janet	Upper Park Creek
	Kintla Lake HD	Waterton River
	Lower Nyack	

HD = head of lake, FT= foot of lake



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