

FACT SHEET



Entire Superior, Plains- Thompson Falls Ranger Districts & Mineral County Portions of Missoula & Ninemile Districts In Stage II Fire Restrictions

August 21, 2015

What: Stage II Fire Restrictions

Location: All of the Plains-Thompson Falls and Superior Ranger Districts and the Mineral County Portion of the Missoula and Ninemile Ranger Districts

When: Takes effect 12 A.M. August 22

Stage II Fire Restrictions

The portions of the Missoula and Ninemile Ranger District within Mineral County as well as the entire Superior RD and Plains-Thompson Falls ranger districts of the Lolo National Forest will be in Stage II Fire Restrictions beginning 12 A.M. August 22, 2015 due to continued dry conditions and potential for rapid and dangerous fire growth. For geographic boundaries please see the Fires Restrictions website <http://firerestrictions.us/mt/>

Under Stage II the Following Acts Are Prohibited until Order is rescinded:

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire.
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.
3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. except as otherwise described in this Order below:
 - a. Operating any internal combustion engine.
 - b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
 - c. Using an explosive.Also, a one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following the cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.
4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

Stage II Exemptions:

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. 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.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violations:

- Fines up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisoned up to 6 months for violating restrictions and closures.
- May be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if you start a fire.

##