

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59602
Forest Supervisor's Order

Stage I Fire Restrictions
For the Helena and Townsend Ranger Districts of the Helena National Forest
Region One

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the lands managed by the Helena and Townsend Ranger Districts on the Helena National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and become effective at 12:01am (00:01), Mountain Daylight Time on Wednesday July 4, 2012 and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

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 campfires and charcoal fires are allowed **ONLY** at open developed designated recreation sites or campgrounds, within established metal rings. Wood stove fires (with approved spark arrestor screens) or 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, 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 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 or campgrounds.

Exemptions:

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

1. Persons with a permit issued by a forest officer specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Great Falls, Montana this 3rd day of July 2012

By: /s/ Bill Avey_____
Bill Avey for Helena NF
Forest Supervisor

Penalty:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.