

BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST
FIRE AND SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (USC) §551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulation §261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Bighorn National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and will remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal broiler, grill or barbecue unless it is within an agency provided fire grate in a developed recreation site. Liquefied and bottle gas stoves, lanterns, or heating devices, or a fully enclosed (shepherd or large tent-type) stove with a ¼ inch spark arrester type screen may be used outside of developed recreation sites, provided such devices meet the fire underwriters specifications for safety.
2. Operating or using an internal or external combustion engine (re: chainsaws) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order and an 8 oz. chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. (36 CFR §261.52(g) (j)).
3. 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)).
4. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame or arc; except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable material at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment, and with an 8 oz. chemical pressurized fire extinguisher. (36 CFR §261.52(i)).

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service issued permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act. **Permits are not issued to the general public.**
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

3. Resident owners and leasers of land within the restricted area are exempt from restriction Number 1, provided such fires are within a residence and the chimney has an approved spark arrestor per the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit.

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

DONE AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING, THIS 26TH DAY OF July 2012

William T. Bass
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BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST

Violations of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months , or both (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571).