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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &
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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests to go Out of Fire Restrictions

(Laramie, WY. - July 18, 2013) –In coordination with other federal, state and local agencies in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming, Stage 1 fire restrictions will be rescinded on the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests at 12:01 a.m. on July 19, 2013.

While several factors are considered in fire restriction decisions, increased moisture in fine fuels such as grass and shrubs, plus favorable fire weather forecasts helped influence this decision.

Despite recent monsoon rains providing much-needed moisture, overall drought conditions are predicted to persist over the coming weeks. Larger fuels, which require more precipitation to recover from drought, remain dry and are still prone to burn. Forest visitors are advised to use caution when building and maintaining campfires. Always make sure that campfires are dead out, meaning that coals and other burned materials are cool before leaving a fire unattended.

Several counties and other agencies in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming are also rescinding fire restrictions. For current information about restrictions on lands outside of the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests, contact the appropriate county, state or other federal agency.

For more information contact the following Forest Service Offices, go to our website at <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, [@MBRNFsTBNG](https://twitter.com/MBRNFsTBNG).

- Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District, 2171 Highway 130, Saratoga, WY, (307) 326-5258
- Douglas Ranger District, 2250 E. Richards Street, Douglas, WY, (307)358-4690
- Laramie Ranger District, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY, (307)745-2300
- Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO, (970)870-2299
- Parks Ranger District, 100 Main Street, Walden, CO, (970)723-2700
- Yampa Ranger District, 300 Roselawn Avenue, Yampa, CO, (970)638-4516

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