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August 1st Stage I Fire Restrictions for West-Central Montana

Missoula, Mont.—Stage I fire restrictions will go into effect first thing (12:01 AM) on Thursday, August 1st in West-Central Montana. Stage I fire restrictions apply to campfires and smoking. High temperatures, forecasts of dry thunderstorms, very low humidity, and the general lack of rainfall persist across the area. There are several large fires burning in the area that should serve as a reminder to all residents and visitors to the area that everyone needs to be extremely careful when engaging in activities that could start a wildfire.

Specifically, at Stage I, campfires are prohibited unless they are in a designated campsite, which will be distinctively listed by the appropriate land management agency and will be distributed to the public when the orders go into effect. In addition to the campfire restrictions, smoking is prohibited unless within an enclosed vehicle, building, or in an area 3 feet in diameter, that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

These restrictions apply to any lands outside of designated city limits, regardless of ownership. The restrictions will remain in effect until there is a significant long-term change in fire danger.

More details will follow as individual agencies draft their orders.

For more information regarding wildland fire safety, campfires, and fire restrictions on Montana's forested lands in West Central Montana, please visit www.firerestrictions.us

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