



Missoula Area Restrictions & Closures

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Stage 1 and State 2 Fire Restrictions Implemented Across Missoula Restrictions Area

Missoula, MT— Fire restrictions will go into effect July 19, 2024, throughout most of the Missoula Restrictions Area, including the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests; Flathead Indian Reservation (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes); BLM lands; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Fishing Access Sites, State Parks, and Wildlife Management Areas; and Montana State trust lands and private property classified as “forested.” For more information on fire restrictions in effect throughout Montana visit www.MTFireInfo.org.

Factors influencing the decision to implement fire restrictions include a continued hot and dry weather pattern, drought conditions with dry forest fuels, escalating fire danger across the area, large fire activity, strained fire suppression resource availability, and frequent human-caused wildfires. Conditions vary across the Missoula Restrictions Area, which is why some jurisdictions implement restrictions while others do not.

Restrictions are intended to minimize unwanted human ignition sources to better allow firefighters to focus on naturally caused fires. Currently, 95% of Missoula Area wildfires have been human caused. Restrictions will remain in effect until there is a significant long-term change in fire danger and orders are rescinded. Restrictions documentation for each jurisdiction, including exemptions specific to each jurisdiction, is provided on www.MTFireInfo.org. Please remember that, while using devices solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels is allowed during Stage 1 or Stage 2 restrictions, such devices are to be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device.

Stage 2 fire restrictions to be implemented within the Missoula Restrictions Area:

- Missoula, Sanders, Lake, and Ravalli counties
- Montana state land and private classified as forested lands within Missoula, Sanders, Lake and Ravalli counties
- Flathead Indian Reservation (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes)
- All Bitterroot National Forest lands in Montana with the exception of forest lands within the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness
- All Lolo National Forest lands with the exception of forest lands within the Scapegoat Wilderness on the Seeley Lake Ranger District
- Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Fishing Access Sites, State Parks, and Wildlife Management Areas within Missoula, Sanders, Lake, and Ravalli counties
- Bureau of Land Management lands in Missoula county within Missoula Restrictions Area

Stage 1 fire restrictions within the Missoula Restrictions Area:

- Granite County – Went into effect July 16, 2024
- Montana State land and private classified as forested land within Granite county, effective on the respective county implementation dates
- Bureau of Land Management lands within Granite county within Missoula Restrictions Area
- Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Fishing Access Sites, State Parks, and Wildlife Management Areas within Granite county

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It is the responsibility of each of us to “Know Before You Go!”

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