

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2021
FERGUS COUNTY STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, high temperatures and low precipitation have occurred within Fergus County during the months of June and July 2021, resulting in dry fuel and drought conditions, raising the risk for fires throughout Fergus County.

WHEREAS, on July 9th, 2021, Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest implemented Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

WHEREAS, on July 2nd, 2021, Charles M. Russell NWR and UL Bend NWR implemented Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Board of Commissioners declares that all private land not under the jurisdiction of municipalities or State or Federal agencies are high fire hazard areas;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Fergus County Commissioners that Stage One Fire Restrictions are in effect for all private lands in Fergus County, due to HIGH wildland fire danger.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with Stage One fire restrictions, the following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below.
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 materials.

Note: for the smoking provision, each agency/tribe must cite their actual regulations/laws, therefore, the wording for the prohibition may be slightly different.

Exemptions for Stage I*:

1. Persons with written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LGP fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of device.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated area where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.

4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.
7. Listed campgrounds/recreation sites where campfires are allowed during Stage I restrictions. See Appendix H.

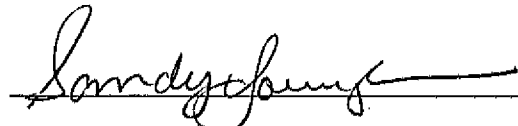
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution becomes effective at 12:01 A.M. (MDT) July 16th, 2021 and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Board of Fergus County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 15 day of July 2021 by the Board of Commissioners, Fergus County, Montana.

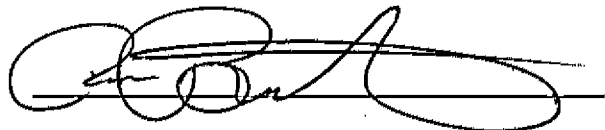
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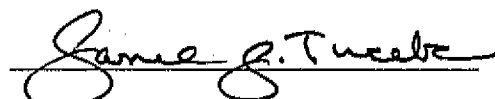


SANDY YOUNGBAUER



ROSS BUTCHER

ATTEST



JANEL TUCEK, Clerk and Recorder

Appendix H for Fergus County

Fergus County:

YES	NO	Campground/Site	Ownership	Legal/Latitude/Longitude
X		Kipp Recreation Area	BLM	47.6221N x 108.6735W
X		Crystal Lake Campground	USFS – HLF	46.7951N x 109.5099W
	X	East Fork Reservoir	City of Lewistown	46.9817N x 109.2812W
	X	Limekiln Trailhead	BLM	47.1356N x 109.3522W
	X	Collar Peak Trailhead	BLM	47.2085N x 109.2148W
	X	Woodhawk (Upper)	BLM	47.7571N x 108.9216W
	X	Woodhawk (Lower)	BLM	47.7412N x 108.949W
	X	McGarry Bar	BLM	47.7472N x 109.3587W