

Resolution No. 2407

WHEREAS, due to dry conditions, the fire danger in Flathead County is in the very high category;

WHEREAS, the weather forecasts for Flathead County indicate little relief from the dry conditions;

WHEREAS, the fire danger is sufficiently high that the Flathead County Fire Warden and Flathead County Rural Fire Chiefs have recommended issuance of Stage I Restrictions for all of Flathead County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, at the request of the Flathead County Fire Warden and Flathead County Rural Fire Chiefs, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, hereby establishes the following Stage I fire restrictions on all private lands in Flathead County, Montana and the following acts or uses are prohibited:

- a) Control of Campfires - Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below.
- b) Control of Smoking - 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 cleared of all flammable material.
- c) In addition to the prohibitions in Section 50-37-103, M.C.A., the use of fireworks during Stage I Restrictions is prohibited.

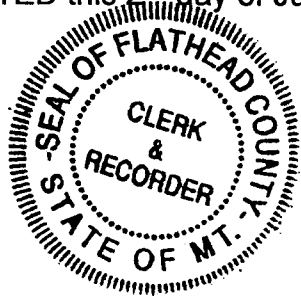
Exemptions:

- 1. Campfires on private property are exempt as long as they are within an improved fire ring and are no larger than three feet wide, three feet in length, and three feet tall.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- 4. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

VIOLATION OF THESE RESTRICTIONS MAY BE PROSECUTED UNDER APPLICABLE MONTANA LAW. AN EXEMPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing restrictions shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana.

DATED this 2nd day of July, 2015.



ATTEST:

By D. DeReu
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