MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS - STAGE I

This Proclamation is issued in compliance with State of Montana Fire Regulation Number 9 (Sub-Chapter 1, 36.10.119 Administrative Rules of Montana) promulgated under authority of Section 76-13-109 Montana Code Annotated which restricts certain activities on forest lands (as defined under Section 76-13-102(8) Montana Code Annotated).

The following acts are prohibited on all State lands and private forested lands lying within the within the boundaries of Roosevelt county. These restrictions become effective as of 0001a.m. Mountain Daylight Time, Wednesday, July 16, 2008 and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked:

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:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG 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 the device.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas 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.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

Dated this 15th day of July 2008, at Missoula, Montana.

/S/ Robert A. Harrington
ROBERT A. HARRINGTON
STATE FORESTER

Failure to comply with this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months or both (76-13-112 Montana Code Annotated).