

Dillon Interagency Dispatch Center

Cooperating Agencies:

USDI Bureau of Land Management
Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation
USDA Forest Service

Covering the following counties:

Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite,
southern Jefferson, Madison, Silver Bow,
southern Powell

Dillon, Montana

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SOUTHWESTERN MONTANA IMPLEMENTS FIRE RESTRICTIONS

DILLON (July 26, 2006) – Recent hot temperatures and low humidities have raised the fire danger in southwestern Montana to very high and extreme. To reduce the risk of human-caused fires, land management agencies and local governments are implementing Stage One Fire Restrictions effective Friday morning, July 28.

This Fire Prevention Order affects Beaverhead, Madison, Jefferson, Broadwater, Lewis and Clark, Gallatin and Park. Other counties ALREADY under Stage One restrictions include: Deer Lodge, Powell, Butte-Silver Bow, and Granite.

Under Stage One Restrictions, campfires and charcoal fires are allowed only within a developed recreation site within the metal fire ring or grate. Fires within rock fire rings are NOT allowed. Stoves and backpacking stoves fueled solely by liquid petroleum or propane are acceptable.

Smoking is allowed ONLY in an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site, or while in an area a least three feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material including vegetation.

Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to contact their nearest land management agency if you are unclear about current restrictions. Information is also available from the following web site: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/restrictions_index.htm

Cooperators who make this decision include Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, county commissioners, county fire wardens, and local fire agencies.