

**Miles City Area**

**Fire Restriction and Closure Plan**

**2005-2010**

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# Miles City Area Fire Restriction and Closure Plan 2005-2010

## I. Introduction

This Fire Restriction and Closure Plan is an action plan tiered to the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Restriction and Closure Procedures, dated June 1, 2001 and updated May of 2007 (Appendix F). This Plan documents the coordination and decision-making process used to implement fire restrictions or closure in the Miles City Area. Fire restrictions impose many limitations on the general public, and therefore should be implemented only after all other prevention measures have been taken. Closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies, and are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures should be implemented only in situations where the public's safety cannot be guaranteed.

Agencies, tribes and counties included in the Miles City Restriction Area will be referred to as the cooperators throughout this document. The cooperators include:

- Custer National Forest, USFS
- Eastern Land Office, DNRC
- Miles City Field Office, BLM
- Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, BIA
- Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, FWS
- Counties of: Rosebud, Powder River, Custer, Carter, Fallon, Wibaux, Prairie, Dawson, Garfield, McCone and Richland in the State of Montana
- Federal lands within Harding County in South Dakota.

With all Miles City area cooperators working together, the decision to implement fire **restrictions** lies with each of the agency, tribal leaders, and county commissioners within that area.

The decision to implement an **area closure**, associated with an ongoing incident, lies with the agency administrator or tribal chairperson whose land requires the closure.

The decision to implement **large-scale closure** lies with the agency administrators and tribal leaders in the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group.

## **II. Objectives**

- A. This plan will provide clear direction and responsibility for the coordination and implementation of fire restrictions and closure within the Miles City Area.
- B. This plan will provide standardized wording, criteria, and process for implementing fire restriction and closure.

## **III. Area Location**

The Miles City Fire Restriction Area includes all lands within the counties of Rosebud, Powder River, Custer, Carter, Fallon, Wibaux, Prairie, Dawson, Garfield, McCone and Richland in the State of Montana; and federal lands within Harding County in South Dakota.

(See Area Map - Appendix A)

## **IV. Responsibilities (see Appendix B for list of names)**

### **Area Agency Administrator:**

This person may be a Forest Supervisor, State Area Office Manager, Field Office Manager, Tribal Chairperson, Park Superintendent, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Supervisor, etc. or a designee.

The Lead Administrator is responsible for:

- Facilitating the decision-making and implementation process.
- Following and endorsing the NRCG Restriction Guidelines.
- Ensuring that the restriction coordinator has the tools they need to perform successfully.
- Ensuring that agency restriction documents are accurate and approved through their legal counsel.
- Ensuring that their agency follows all measures stated in their restrictions document.
- Monitoring the success of the enacted restriction and providing timely feedback to the area restrictions coordinator.

### **Geographic Restriction Coordinator:**

This person is responsible for:

- Facilitating the restrictions implementation and rescission process on a geographic basis.
- Monitoring restrictions activity across all Areas.
- Providing an assessment of conditions and issues to the Geographic Agency Administrators.

- Coordinating the need for large-scale closures across all agencies.
- Maintaining a geographic website for restrictions and closures information.

**Area Restrictions Coordinator:**

This person is responsible for:

- Facilitating the restrictions process and implementation of this plan.
- Coordinating public notification.
- Gathering all information needed from each cooperator to make informed decisions. Monitoring fire activity, ERC levels, and prevention efforts.
- Notifying the geographic coordinator of the Area's impending restrictions or rescinding of restrictions.
- Communicating and coordinating with neighboring areas on their restriction and closure activity.
- Identifying a person for media contacts for the area.
- Monitoring and gathering information for timely rescission of orders.

**Agency Administrator:**

This person is the leader and decision-maker for their respective agencies, counties or tribes.

**Agency/Tribe Representatives:**

They are responsible for:

- Monitoring the local fire danger and informing their agency administrators.
- Notifying the Area Restrictions Coordinator as conditions indicate the need for fire restrictions.
- Assist as needed to ensure public/agency notification of restrictions.

**DNRC Representative:**

This person is an agency representative that:

- Serves as the State Liaison.
- Is responsible for notifying State Headquarters and state political offices of Area's impending restrictions.
- Helps coordinate county participation in the restriction process.

**Local Government Representatives:**

These people are responsible for:

- Serving as a liaison for the county commissioners and city
- Keeping County DES and Fire Wardens informed

**Media Coordinator:**

The person is responsible for:

- Providing media contacts and Cooperators with fire restriction press releases.
- Keeping the Media Contact List updated.
- Working closely with the Area Restrictions Coordinator on public notification.

## V. Decision Criteria (to be decided upon by FMO's)

Fire restrictions and closures require a high degree of coordination between all levels within each agency and tribe, between all of the agencies, tribes, and county governments in the restriction area, between adjacent restriction areas, and between the restriction areas and the NRCG restrictions coordinator. This coordination must be continuous from the time restrictions are first proposed until cancellation of all restrictions.

The cooperators in the restriction area will continuously monitor weather, fuel conditions and other factors that will indicate when restrictions or closures are warranted. The decision criteria are a combination of all values, not just one or two. The criteria to consider include:

- Live fuel moisture content
- Interagency Initial Attack resources are at draw-down level
- 3-day mean energy release components
- 1000- hour fuel moisture content
- Status and availability of adjacent fire resources are at or reaching draw-down level
- High number of human-caused fire starts including operations fires
- Unusually high visitor use.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue
- Regional preparedness level.
- Some significant events are occurring or are about to occur: "hunting season" etc
- Life safety is jeopardized

When fire managers see that the above-mentioned criteria are being approached, discussions on the need for *restrictions* will begin.

In addition to the above criteria for fire restrictions, the following additional criteria need to be evaluated whenever a *closure* is being considered.

- Potential for extreme or blowup fire behavior
- Potential loss of life or property due to extreme fire conditions
- Stage II restrictions are not effective in reducing the number of human-caused fires
- Resources across the geographic area are at a critical shortage level.

When trends indicate the approach of restrictions, Fire Managers from each agency will advise their supervisors and Fire or Public Information Officers, and alert outlying offices of impending restrictions to provide enough lead time for prevention signing and for public notification. Many small community newspapers are only printed once a week. Their deadlines need to be considered. **If at all possible, decisions should be made by Tuesday at 2 pm** if we plan to invoke or cancel restrictions by the weekend in order to reach the most people. Restrictions should never be implemented during the weekend unless there is an emergency.

If one or more cooperators within the restriction area are considering implementing fire *restrictions*, they will contact the Area Restrictions Coordinator who will call a meeting of all Cooperators within the area to talk about the need to start the restriction process. The decision to go into *restrictions* will be coordinated with adjacent restriction areas/agencies. The NRCG will be kept informed.

*Area closures* may be necessary for isolated areas where public and firefighter safety is a concern such as around an ongoing incident. Area administrators, tribal chairpersons, or county commissioners from the land where the incident is located will make that decision and coordinate with adjacent agencies through the Restrictions Coordinator. NRCG will be kept informed throughout the process.

The Geographic Area Administrators through the NRCG will handle *large-scale closures*.

## **VI. Implementation Procedures**

The following is a description of the procedures and time frames to be used, and the responsible person to carry out each task. The leaders whose jurisdiction lies within the Restriction Area will agree when to move into each stage of restriction. They have the flexibility to decide how much of the Area needs to be placed under restrictions. Not all of the Area needs to move into restrictions at the same time or be in the same restriction stage. The public should be able to easily understand the location of the areas put into restrictions or closure.

The final decision to implement fire *restrictions* lies with each agency administrator, tribal leader, or county commissioner.

The decision to implement an *area closure* lies with the agency administrator or tribal chairperson or county commissioner on whose land requires the closure. Where more than one jurisdiction is involved, the agencies involved will coordinate these closures. The Area

Restrictions Coordinator will immediately be informed of the decision and will inform the other Cooperators within the Restriction Area and adjacent agencies and restriction areas. NRCG will be kept informed during the decision making process.

Geographic Agency Administrators through NRCG will implement *large-scale closure*.

The time frame for going into each restriction and closure should allow plenty of time for public and agency notification in order to deal with signing of the Orders, exemptions, prevention signing, etc. and should be agreed to by all Cooperators.

Coordination with adjacent areas and other affected agencies in the restriction area [Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), Law Enforcement, etc.] that will be impacted is essential. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will notify other areas/agencies of the decision in order to coordinate prevention signing and public information. The Coordinator will also notify large landowners.

Fire prevention signing should be coordinated so the message is in line with the restrictions as they are implemented. Signing will be the responsibility of the administrative agency unless previously agreed upon and discussed.

After the decision has been made to go into restrictions or closures, all employees of all restriction area cooperators should be notified immediately by their agency. The affected political offices (state and county) should also be contacted immediately. This will be the responsibility of the DNRC and local government representatives.

The next step is to issue the appropriate special order. To provide for interagency standardization across various ownerships, the wording for the two restriction stages as set forth in the "NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures" will be used in all restriction orders. (see Appendix C). Each agency shall have orders pre-written with the standardized wording. The agency administrator, tribal leader or county commissioner is responsible for signing the *restriction* orders and area closure and the NRCG agency administrator or tribal leader is responsible for signing the *large-scale closure* order.

Appendix C contains the standardized wording for the two restriction stages as found in the "NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures."

News releases will be issued immediately so the public has as much advanced notice as possible, one day at minimum. This is the responsibility of the Miles City Area Media Coordinator. News releases, brochures, psa's, etc. will be prewritten and agreed upon by *all*

*agencies* in the restriction area. The use of a fire information/media team to coordinate restriction press releases could be employed if deemed necessary.

All cooperators in the restrictions area will send a **signed** copy of their restriction orders, with designated campfire sites attached, by FAX or mail to the Area Restrictions Coordinator as soon as they are signed. An e-mail copy will be sent immediately. If cooperators go into Closure, a list of exemptions will be attached to the Closure Order and sent to the Restrictions Coordinator. The Restrictions Coordinator will inform the restrictions web site manager of implementation of or changes in restriction levels.

An email will be sent to each cooperator in the restrictions area consisting of all signed restriction orders with designated campfires sites attached or closure orders with exemptions attached; the news release, and a map showing where the restrictions/closures are located if the entire area is not in the same restriction stage.

## **VII. Rescission Procedures**

The rescission of fire restrictions or closures will follow the same process identified above in Implementation Procedures. Areas should plan restrictions for the long-term danger and not jump at short fluctuations in risk, weather, and fire danger. When rescinding closure orders, enough time should be given to allow for signing of areas that might still need to be closed such as near ongoing fires.

## **VIII. Communication Plan**

Notification of key contacts and the general public concerning the implementation of Fire Restrictions or Closures is essential and should be accomplished immediately so as to avoid confusion. Contacts need to be told why, when, and to what degree they will be affected.

When weather conditions or special circumstances indicate a very high potential for devastating fires to occur, fire restrictions or closure will likely be imposed. When conditions warrant fire restrictions be implemented or changed, each agency, tribal or local representative will advise their supervisors. All employees should be advised of the situation. The special order will be prepared and signed with enough lead-time to provide proper notifications and make preparations for appropriate prevention signing.

The restriction and closure website is <http://www.mt.blm.gov/fire/restrictions/index.html>. Scroll down to Eastern Montana (Miles City Area) and click on Current Restrictions and Closures for information, maps, and what stage restrictions we are in, etc.

Key contacts will be advised in a timely manner about decisions concerning implementation or rescission of restrictions or closure, see Appendix D: Contact List. This can best be handled through group e-mail process.

Each Cooperator is responsible for notifying special use permittees and contractors such as outfitters and timber companies doing business on their land. The DNRC will notify state offices and the local government representative will notify county offices.

The general public will be notified through a combination of media news releases, psa's, prevention signing, and personal contacts. The Miles City Area Media Coordinator will notify all surrounding media outlets to solicit their help in notification of the public about the current situation.

The Area Media Coordinator will have all press releases available in template format before the start of the fire season. Press releases will be sent to all Cooperators for approval before they are sent to the media. Only one press release will be written for the Miles City Area.

All press releases will go through the Area Media Coordinator unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.

See Appendix E for the Media contact list. This list will be reviewed each year and updated as contacts change.

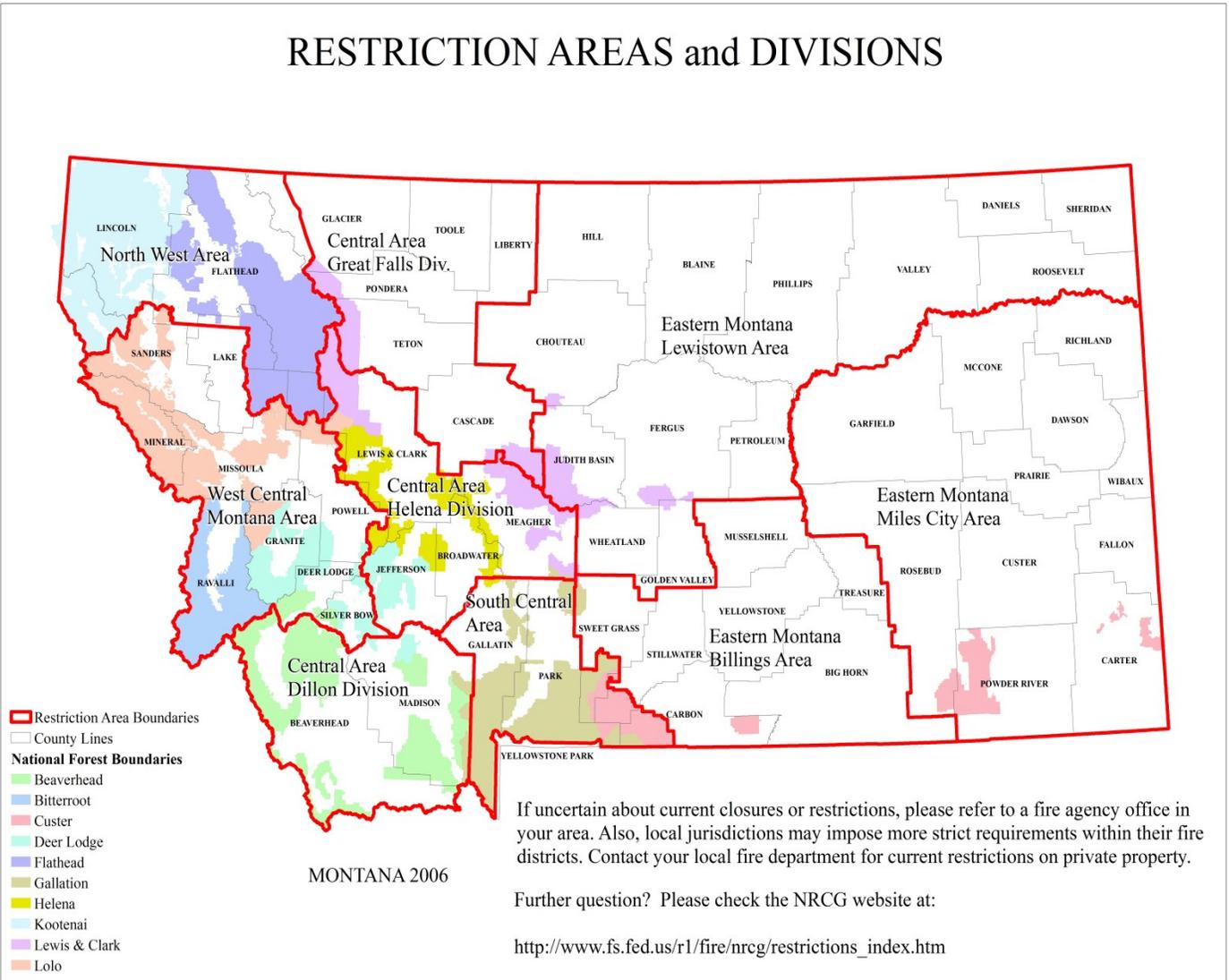
# Appendix A

## MAPS

### Miles City Restriction Area

### Montana Restriction Areas and Divisions

## RESTRICTION AREAS and DIVISIONS



**APPENDIX B  
NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP AND MILES CITY RESTRICTION AREA  
LEADERS/REPRESENTATIVES**

**NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR/TRIBAL LEADER**

<b>AGENCY/TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>AGENCY/TRIBE</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>
Kathleen McAllister, Deputy Regional Forester	Region 1, U.S. Forest Service	329-3311
Bob Harrington, Montana State Forester	MT Dept of Natural Resources and Cons.	542-4301
Ed Parisian, Regional Director	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office	247-7946
Jim Kelton, Fire Management Director	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	303-236-8125
Gene Terland, State Director	Bureau of Land Management	896-5012
Dan McGowan, Montana DES Administrator	Montana DES	
Mike Synder, Director	National Park Service, Intermountain Region	303-969-2500

**MILES CITY RESTRICTION AREA  
AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS, TRIBAL LEADERS and COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

<b>AGENCY/TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>AGENCY/TRIBE</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>CELL NUMBER</b>
Elaine Raper, Field Manager	Miles City Field Office, BLM	233-2827	853-0945
Steve Williams, Forest Supervisor	Custer National Forest	657-6200 x215	
Rick Strohmeyer, Area Manager	Eastern Land Office, DNRC	232-2034	
Marge Eagleman, Agency Supervisor	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northern Cheyenne Agency	477-8242	679-0782
Bryce Christensen, Regional Supervisor	Region 7, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	234-0913	
Barron Crawford, Refuge Manager	Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge	538-8706 x221	366-0537
Clive Rooney, Area Manager	North Eastern Land Office, DNRC	538-7789	366-1256
Bill Loehding, Jim Courtney, Steve Rosencranz; County Commissioners	Carter County	406-775-8749	FAX 775-8750
Jack Nesbit, Gary Matthews, Milo Huber; County Commissioners	Custer County	406-874-3350 or 874-3351 / 3352	FAX 874-3452
Adam Gartner, Douglas Buxbaum, Jim Skillestad; County Commissioners	Dawson County	406-377-3562	FAX 377-1717
Dennis Afrank, Donald Rieger, Deb Ranum; County Commissioners	Fallon County	406-778-7107	FAX 778-2048
Jerry Coldwell, Jack Murnion, Julie Jordan; County Commissioners	Garfield County	406-557-2434	FAX 557-2765
Patrick Eggebrecht, Janet Wolff, Connie Eissinger; County Commissioners	McCone County	406-485-3500	FAX 485-2689
Ray Traub, Don McDowell, Nancy Espy; County Commissioners	Powder River County	406-436-2657	FAX 436-2151
Bill Leach, Todd Devlin, Ann Marie Davis; County Commissioners	Prairie	406-635-5575	FAX 635-5576
Mark Rehbein, Don Steppler, Henry Johnson; County Commissioners	Richland County	406-433-1706	FAX 433-3731
Daniel Watson, Daniel Sioux, Gary Fjelstad; County Commissioners	Rosebud County	406-346-0047	FAX 346-7551
Leif Bakken, Gilbert Quade, Glenn Hutchinson; County Commissioners	Wibaux County	406-796-6481	FAX 796-2625
Warren Dunn, Fire Chief George Davis, Fire Chief	Harding County, South Dakota Camp Crook VFD, South Dakota	605-375-3555 605-797-4466	FAX 797-4419

**MILES CITY RESTRICTION AREA  
AGENCY/TRIBAL/COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>AGENCY/TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>AGENCY/TRIBE</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>CELL NUMBER</b>
Rick Strohmyer, Lead Agency Administrator	Eastern Land Office, DNRC	232-2034	
Dena Lang, Miles City Area Restrictions Coordinator Alternate: VACANT	Eastern MT Fire Zone, BLM	233-2907	853-0274
Dwayne Andrews, Miles City Area Media Coordinator Alternate: Dena Lang	Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region 7 Miles City Field Office, BLM	234-0919 233-2907	853-3933
Mike Holmes, Acting Fire Management Officer	Custer National Forest	657-6205	530-310-3545
Kim Frasier, Resource Assistant	Custer National Forest, Ashland Ranger District	784-2344	740-1594
Kurt Hanson, District Ranger (Accepted Position) Kim Nelson, Acting District Ranger	Custer National Forest, Sioux Ranger District	605-797-4432	605-391-2885 (Kim)
Mike Dannenberg, Fire Mitigation/Education	Fire & Aviation, BLM	896-2913	861-0958
Randy Sanders, Fire Program Manager	Eastern Land Office, DNRC	233-2904	853-2034
Tom Corbin, Fire Management Officer	Rocky Mountain Regional Office, BIA	247-7949	860-2411
Dwayne Andrews, Regional Information and Education	Region 7, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	234-0900	
Mike Granger, FMO	USFWS - CMR	538-8706 x224	
Norman Parrent, DES District Representative	Montana DES	234-2809	
Charlie Hanson, DES District Representative	Montana DES	245-9672	
Rusty Jardee, Firewarden	Carter County	775-8743	975-8744
Derrick Rodgers, Fire Chief	Custer County	233-8650	853-0650
Tod Miller, Battalion Chief		233-8651	853-0651
Tim Mort, Firewarden	Dawson County	365-2177	989-1015
Tom Muckle, Firewarden	Fallon County	778-3346	891-0458
Ray Hageman, Firewarden	Garfield County	557-2263	977-9705
Jess Beery, Firewarden	McCone County	485-3313	939-3318
Joe Cathey, Firewarden	Powder River County	436-2885	853-4009
Joe Cathey, Fire Chief	Powder River County	436-2885	
Bill Klunder, Firewarden	Prairie	635-5738	951-0723
Ken Volk, Firewarden	Richland County	433-2092	480-2327
Doug Martens, Firewarden	Rosebud County	346-4270	351-1574
Brian Nelson, Firewarden	Wibaux County	796-2426	939-1967
Warren Dunn, Fire Chief	Harding County, South Dakota	605-375-3555	641-6816

## APPENDIX C

### Standardized Wording for Restriction Stages

To provide for interagency standardization across various ownerships, the following criteria will be used in all restriction documents.

#### **Montana State Fire Season (May 1 through September 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Implement and enforce the State of Montana Fire Rules and Regulations.

#### **Stage I 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.

#### **Stage I Exemptions:**

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG that can be turned on and off.
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.

#### **Stage II Restrictions: The following acts are prohibited until further notice.**

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using fire or campfire.
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.

3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:
  - a. Operating any internal combustion engine
  - b. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
  - c. Using an explosive.

A patrol is required for two hours following cessation of all work as described above.

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

## Appendix C (continued)

### Stage II Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG that can be turned on and off.
3. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
4. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
7. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
8. 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.

### Standardized Wording for Area Closure

#### For Forest Service and BLM closures:

The following acts are prohibited on the (area). Going into or being upon the following described areas is prohibited (filling in the appropriate number from the Code of Federal regulations).

#### Exemptions:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
3. Owners or lessees of private land in the area.
4. 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.

## Appendix D Miles City Area Contact List

Agency	Name	Address	Phone	Cell	FAX	Email
Lead Agency Administrator	Rick Strohmeyer	321 Main Street, Miles City, MT 59301	232-2034		232-3807	<a href="mailto:rstrohmeyer@mt.gov">rstrohmeyer@mt.gov</a>
Miles City Area Restrictions Coordinator Alternate Restrictions Coordinator	Dena Lang VACANT	111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301	233-2907	853-0274	233-2945	<a href="mailto:dslang@mt.blm.gov">dslang@mt.blm.gov</a>
Miles City Area Media Coordinator Alternate Media Coordinator	Dwayne Andrews Dena Lang	P.O. Box 1630, Miles City, MT 59301 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301	234-0919 233-2907	853-3933 853-0274	233-2945	<a href="mailto:dandrews@mt.gov">dandrews@mt.gov</a> <a href="mailto:dslang@mt.blm.gov">dslang@mt.blm.gov</a>
BLM, Miles City Field Manager BLM, Fire Management Officer BLM, Miles City Restrictions Rep.	Elaine Raper Dave Overcast Dena Lang	111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301	233-2827 233-2902 233-2907	853-0945 853-1157 853-0274	233-2886 233-2945 233-2945	<a href="mailto:David_McIlnay@blm.gov">David_McIlnay@blm.gov</a> <a href="mailto:dovercast@mt.blm.gov">dovercast@mt.blm.gov</a> <a href="mailto:dslang@mt.blm.gov">dslang@mt.blm.gov</a>
Custer National Forest, FMO Custer National Forest, Restrictions Rep.	Mike Holmes Babete Anderson	1310 Main St., Billings, MT 59105 1310 Main St., Billings, MT 59105	657-6200 x 234 657-6200 x 224		657-6222	<a href="mailto:pmock@fs.fed.us">pmock@fs.fed.us</a> <a href="mailto:banderson@fs.fed.us">banderson@fs.fed.us</a>
DNRC, ELO, Fire Program Manager	Randy Sanders	321 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301	232-2034			<a href="mailto:rsanders@mt.gov">rsanders@mt.gov</a>
BIA, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, FMO	Tom Corbin	316 N. 26 <sup>th</sup> St., Billings, MT 59101	247-7949	860-2411	247-7921	<a href="mailto:TomCorbin@bia.gov">TomCorbin@bia.gov</a>
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, Region 7	Bryce Christensen	P.O. Box 1630, Miles City, MT 59301	232-0913		232-4368	<a href="mailto:bchristensen@mt.gov">bchristensen@mt.gov</a>
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Refuge Manager	Barron Crawford	P.O. Box 110, Lewistown, MT 59457	538-8706 x221	366-0537	538-7521	<a href="mailto:Barron_Crawford@fws.gov">Barron_Crawford@fws.gov</a>
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, FMO	Mike Granger	P.O. Box 110 Airport Road Lewistown, MT 59457	538-8706 x224	366-1760	538-7521	<a href="mailto:Mike_Granger@fws.gov">Mike_Granger@fws.gov</a>
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Custer National Forest, Ashland R.D. FMO	Marty Mitzkus	Highway 212, Ashland, MT 59003	784-2344	670-5421	784-2596	<a href="mailto:mmitzkus@fs.fed.us">mmitzkus@fs.fed.us</a>
Custer National Forest, Sioux R.D. Acting District Ranger	Kurt Hanson	Box 34 Main and First Camp Crook, SD 57724	605-797-4432	605-850- 9236	605-797-4404	<a href="mailto:khanson@fs.fed.us">khanson@fs.fed.us</a>
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BIA, Northern Cheyenne Agency, Forest Manager	Matt Anderson	P.O. Box 128, Lame Deer, MT 59043	477-8261	679-0785	477-8265	<a href="mailto:ncafiredispatch@rangeweb.net">ncafiredispatch@rangeweb.net</a>
BIA, Northern Cheyenne Agency, FMO	Tommy Gonzales	P.O. Box 128, Lame Deer, MT 59043	477-8263	629-0042	477-6198	<a href="mailto:ncafiredispatch@rangeweb.net">ncafiredispatch@rangeweb.net</a>
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## APPENDIX E

### MEDIA CONTACTS

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Big Sky Journal				259-2309	259-7040		
Billings Gazette	P.O. Box 36300 Billings, MT 59107-6300	Newsroom Region Desk/story assignment	End of day. Day before Published everyday	657-1241 657-1399	657-1208	<a href="mailto:citynews@billingsgazette.com">citynews@billingsgazette.com</a>	Fax
Western Livestock Reporter	P.O. Box 30755 Billings, MT 59107		By 1700 Thursday, Monday at latest.	259-5406	259-6888	<a href="mailto:wlrpubs@imt.net">wlrpubs@imt.net</a>	Email
KCTR 102.9 KMHK 95.5/95.1 KBBB 103.9 KKBR 97.1 KBUL 970 AM	Clear Channel Radio 27 N. 27 <sup>th</sup> Billings, Mt 59101			248-7827	252-9577		Fax

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KHMT TV	445 S. 24 West Billings, MT 59102		652-7366	252-9938		
KTVQ 2 TV	32022 Avenue North Billings, MT 59101		252-5611	869-2249 252-9938		
KULR 8 TV	2045 Overland Ave Billings, MT 59102		656-8000 656-8558 655-2669	655-2688		
FOX 4/KSVI 6 TV			652-4743			
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KFLN (960 AM) KJJM (100.5 FM)	3600 Hwy 7 N Baker, MT		406-778-3371	406-778-3373	kfln@midrivers.com	either

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KIKC 1250 AM 101.3 FM	210 West Front Forsyth, MT 59327		406-346-2711 or 234-5452 or 877-346-5452	346-2712	kick@rangeweb.net	either

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KATL	818 Main PO Box 700 Miles City, MT	Billy Hubbell	406-234-7700 or 1-800-473-5285	406-234-7783	katlradio@katlradio.com	Fax pref. Email OK
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KECC	Miles City	Public Radio				

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Associated Press ND					701-224-0158
Associated Press SD					605-224-8513

We agree to the Miles City Fire Restrictions and Closure Plan for 2005-2010.

Nancy F. Curriden 8/5/05  
Nancy Curriden, Supervisor date  
Custer National Forest

Marge Eagelman 8-26-05  
Marge Eagelman, Agency Superintendent date  
Northern Cheyenne Agency  
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Barron Crawford 8-2-05  
Barron Crawford, Refuge Manager date  
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

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Carter County Commission Chair date

James Mathis 8-9-05  
Custer County Commission Chair date

William G. Labree 8-4-05  
Dawson County Commission Chair date

Phil D. Hill 8-9-05  
Garfield County Commission Chair date  
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Ryan L. 5/23/05  
Powder River County Commission Chair date

Don Stepler 5-23-05  
chland County Commission Chair date

David McIlroy 11/1/05  
David McIlroy, Field Manager date  
Miles City Field Office  
Bureau of Land Management

Rick Strohmyer 8-9-05  
Rick Strohmyer, Area Manager date  
Eastern Land Office - Department of  
Natural Resources and Conservation

Bryce Christnesen 5-13-05  
Bryce Christnesen, Regional Supervisor date  
Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region 7

Norman P. Parrent  
Norman Parrent, District Representative date  
Montana Disaster of Emergency Services

James R. 09/08/05  
Fallon County Commission Chair date

Cornie Eisinger  
McCone County Commission Chair date

Ann Marie Davis 5/16/05  
Prairie County Commission Chair date

Harvey 5/12/05  
Rosebud County Commission Chair date

Shirley 5/12/05  
Wibaux County Commission Chair date

Tom 9/12/05  
Northern Cheyenne Tribal President date

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