

Resolution No. 2542

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the Flathead County, Montana, passed Resolution 2542 on July 15, 2021, which ordered Stage I Fire Restrictions on all private lands in the Flathead County, due to very high categorized fire danger;

WHEREAS, the fire danger has worsened due to the very extreme hot, dry, and windy conditions.

WHEREAS, the threat of new fire starts that are resistant to control, has created a substantial hazard to the citizens of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, at the request of the Flathead County Fire Warden, 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:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a 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.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons at their private property can build, maintain campfire if mowed lawn that is deep green and irrigated and have running water to campfire area.
3. Persons at their private property can use BBQ grills that have an area that is barren or cleared of all surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device and have running water to area.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Agricultural operations are exempted.
8. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
9. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
10. 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RESOLVED that the foregoing restrictions shall take effect 12:01 am, July 17, 2021, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana.

DATED this 15 day of JULY, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana



By [Signature]
Randy L. Brodehl, Chairman

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