



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Bitterroot National Forest**

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTION ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), **the following acts are prohibited** on all National Forest System lands administered by the Bitterroot National Forest in Ravalli and Missoula Counties in Montana. The Idaho portion of the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church Wilderness Complex that are administered by the Bitterroot National Forest are not included in or affected by this order.

1. 36 CFR § 261.52(a) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. 36 CFR § 261.52(d) 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 closed of all flammable materials.
3. 36 CFR § 261.52(h) Operating an internal combustion engine
4. 36 CFR § 261.52(i) Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization or other authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order. If such authorization provides for operation of an Internal Combustion Engine or welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame, such acts are prohibited from the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. each day. Outside of these hours; a one-hour foot

patrol in the work area is required following cessation of these activities.

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 three feet of the device.
3. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails unless such road or trail is otherwise closed or restricted.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads.
6. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA

All National Forest System lands administered by the Bitterroot National Forest in Ravalli and Missoula Counties in Montana.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to reduce the probability of human-caused ignitions of wildfire during times of dry fuel conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect on August 12th, 2022 at 00:01 hours (12:01 am) and shall remain in effect until December 1, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever comes first. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bitterroot/alerts-notices>.
2. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
3. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C.

§§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

4. Contact the Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton, Mt, (406) 363-7100, for more information about this Order.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts.

Signed and issued on 8/11/2022.

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