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Please Be Cautious with Burning

The Interagency Dispatch Center managed by the Flathead National Forest reported several small fires this past weekend. The fires included escaped burn piles, and escaped and unattended campfires on private and public lands.

Recent and anticipated high temperatures in the Flathead Valley are an indicator that vegetation is drying out and caution should be used with all burning.

Attention should be given to any large burn piles that were ignited in the past several weeks. These types of burns are able to carry fire over for weeks and should be inspected regularly.

Any open burning does require a burn permit and air quality compliance. Visit www.firesafekalispell.com or call 752-7376 to obtain a permit, or to get more information.

Campers are reminded that a campfire should never be left unattended, and should always be “cold out” prior to leaving the site. Campers should always have a shovel and bucket of water handy when recreating with a campfire.

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