



Northern Rockies Coordination Group Northwest Montana Zone

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Sanders County

Fire Restrictions Continue Until Moisture is Received

Fire managers for local land management agencies, including the Flathead and Kootenai National Forests, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Glacier National Park, and Flathead, Lincoln and Sanders Counties, have agreed that **Stage I Fire Restrictions will continue in Northwest Montana, including the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, until weather conditions change and moisture is received in the area.**

Fire managers for Northwest Montana will determine the status of fire restrictions late Thursday morning. Flathead County Office of Emergency Services Director Mark Peck said, "We expect to receive some significant moisture and see cooler temperatures by the end of the week, so we anticipate that the Stage I fire restrictions **may** be removed."

Spotted Bear District Ranger Deb Mucklow recognized that the managers are aware of the backcountry hunting season and the cooler nights, and the desire for campfires. Mucklow said, "We are sensitive to the public's wishes, but until the restrictions are lifted, fires are limited to developed and improved sites."

Stage I fire restrictions have been in place in Northwest Montana since late July for all lands within Flathead and Lincoln Counties, plus that portion of Lake County outside the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Lands, plus all lands administered by the Kootenai National Forest, Flathead National Forest and Glacier National Park. These administrative boundaries include portions of Sanders County, west of Whitepine, Glacier, Missoula and Powell Counties.

For more information, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/> or contact a local Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation or National Park Service Office or your local fire department.

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