



Northern Rockies Coordination Group Northwest Montana Zone

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Flathead County

Lake County

Lincoln County

Sanders County

Fire Restrictions Lifted in Northwest Montana Area

Stage I Fire Restrictions were lifted as of noon Thursday (September 14) for **Northwest Montana Area**, including the Great Bear Wilderness, and those portions of the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wildernesses on the Flathead, Lolo and Helena National Forests, due to cooler temperatures and recent moisture.

Restrictions have been lifted 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.

Everyone, specifically hunters headed to the backcountry, are reminded that caution should be used with any and all fire. All campfires should be DEAD OUT prior to departing the campsite. Safe practices should be also be used when smoking cigarettes or pipes. Hunters and anyone traveling into the backcountry are encouraged to contact the respective land management office for updated information about fire activity and access restrictions.

Area fire managers will continue to monitor conditions, and may reinstate fire restrictions if needed.

For more information about open burning, please contact your local county fire protection organization. In Flathead County, visit www.firesafekalispell.com or call 751-8130.

Anyone causing a wildfire can be held financially responsible for damages and the cost of putting out that fire.

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.