



SPECIAL ORDER HNF 05-11

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

for
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
REGION ONE

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the **following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Helena National Forest except for the Scapegoat Wilderness**. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become **effective at 00:01 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time on Thursday, August 4, 2005**, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, except within a developed recreation site. [36 CFR 261.52(a)]

Note: For the purpose of this order under Stage I fire restrictions, campfires and charcoal fires are allowed **ONLY** at developed designated recreation sites or campgrounds. **Fires within rock fire rings are NOT authorized.** Wood stove fires (with spark arresters) or backpacking stoves fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels may be used anywhere on National Forest System lands during Stage I fire restrictions.

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 material. [36 CFR 261.52(d)]

Note: For the purpose of this order under Stage I fire restrictions, the above exception for smoking also includes improved places of habitation, developed designated recreation sites or campgrounds.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. All land within a city boundary is exempted.

Done this 3rd day of August, 2005 at Helena, Mt.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin T. Riordan', written over a horizontal line.

KEVIN T. RIORDAN
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