



SPECIAL ORDER HNF 07-06

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**. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation and become **effective at 12:01 a.m. (00:01), Mountain Daylight Time on Friday, July 20, 2007**, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

36 CFR 261.52 - FIRE:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. [36 CFR 261.52 (a)]

Note: For the purpose of this order under Stage I fire restrictions, stove fires (without approved spark arrester screens), campfires, and charcoal fires are allowed **ONLY** at developed designated recreation sites or campgrounds, within established metal fire rings. Those designated recreation sites include: Deep Creek, Skidway, Gipsy Lake, Vigilante, Park Lake, Coulter, Meriwether, Moose Creek, Tenmile, Kading, Cromwell Dixon, Aspen Grove, Pine Grove, Copper Creek and Big Nelson campgrounds and picnic areas as well as all administered recreation rental cabins on the Helena National Forest. **Fires within rock fire rings are NOT authorized.** Wood stove fires (with approved spark arrester screens) or fires 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.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following 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 the an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty
3. All land within a city boundary is exempted

Done this 17th day of July, 2007 at Helena, MT

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Helena National Forest Supervisor

Penalty:

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. [16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571].

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51