



**SPECIAL ORDER H-07-08**  
**STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS**  
**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 in Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, Powell, Meagher and Broadwater counties**. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become **effective at 1200 P.M. Mountain Daylight Time, Friday, August 3, 2007** and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

**The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex is NOT included in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions.**

**36 CFR 261.52 – Fire:**

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.** [36 CFR 261.52(a)]  
For the purpose of this order under Stage 2 fire restrictions, only fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels may be used on National Forest System lands. ***All campfires (for example, those within metal campfire rings or rock rings), charcoal fires and wood stoves are not allowed.*** Use of wood stoves within a structure (e.g., cabin), with an approved spark arrester screen, are allowed.
- 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)]
- 3. Operating an internal combustion engine.** [36 CFR 261.52(h)]  
For the purpose of this order under Stage 2 fire restrictions, the following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:
  - a) Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering.
  - b) Blasting, welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch that generates flame or flammable material. [36 CFR 261.52 (b) and (i)]

***A patrol is required for one hour following completion of all work as described above.***

**Exemptions:**

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

1. Any persons with a written permit authorizing 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

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Done this 1st day of August, 2007 at Helena, MT

  
Kevin T. Riordan  
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



**SPECIAL ORDER H-07-08**  
Rescinding Special Order

**STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

For the Helena National Forest, Region One

Special Order enacting Stage II Restrictions for the Helena National Forest and dated August 1, 2007 is hereby rescinded.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of ~~September~~, 2007 at Helena, MT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin T. Riordan", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin T. Riordan  
Helena National Forest Supervisor