
Gallatin National Forest News Release



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No Fires Allowed in the Main Boulder Drainage

The Gallatin National Forest will implement Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in the Main Boulder Drainage beginning Friday, August 18 at 12:01 a.m. The rest of the Gallatin National Forest, with the exception of portions of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness not currently in restrictions, will remain in Stage 1 Restrictions.

Stage 2 restrictions prohibit:

- All open flames or fire, including charcoal fires, campfires, and wood stoves.
- Smoking, unless in an enclosed vehicle or building, at an improved or developed site or campground, or stopped in an area 3 feet in diameter that is clear of flammable material (such as a road).
- Motorized vehicle use off of Forest Service designated roads and trails.
- Parking outside of constructed trailheads or developed recreation facilities.

From 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. the following are prohibited. In addition, a patrol is required for one hour following the completion of all work.

- The use of chainsaws or internal combustion engines including generators and gas powered drills,
- Welding or blasting, including using fireworks.

“We’re asking people to do without fires in the Main Boulder drainage,” said Bill Avey, Big Timber District Ranger. “Taking into account the dry and hot weather we’ve been experiencing and the private structures and thousands of people using the drainage on any given day, we feel it’s important to take precautionary measures to help reduce the risk of a wildfire.”

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Area Restriction Information

Stage 1 Restrictions apply to:

- Lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Gallatin and Park Counties.
- State of Montana administered lands.
- Portions of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness administered by the Gallatin National Forest.
- The Gallatin National Forest, except portions of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and Main Boulder drainage. The Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area managed by the Gallatin National Forest currently has no fire restrictions.

Stage 2 Restrictions apply to:

- Private lands in Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and Carbon Counties.
- The Main Boulder drainage, beginning at Natural Bridge.

Burn Bans apply to:

- Private land within Gallatin and Park Counties.

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