
Gallatin National Forest News Release



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Gallatin National Forest Lifts Some Area Closures Stage II Fire Restrictions Still in Effect

The Gallatin National Forest lifted some of the area closures in effect in the Big Timber, Livingston, and Bozeman areas effective at 6:00 a.m. Saturday, September 16. In the area where the Derby, Jungle, Passage Falls, and Big Creek Fires have burned, a closure will remain in place. The Forest Service is asking the public to remember “if it’s black, stay back.”

- The Bozeman Ranger District and the City of Bozeman have lifted the area closure encompassing Hyalite, Bozeman and Bear Canyon drainages, except the East Fork Hyalite area closure. The East Fork area closure remains in effect while firefighters continue to suppress the Big Creek spot fires in the Emerald Basin area.
- The Big Timber Ranger District area closure has been lifted except for the areas burned by the Jungle and Derby Fires. Again, if it’s black, stay back.
- The Livingston Ranger District has lifted the area closure that included the North Fork of Deep Creek north to the Forest Boundary and east from Suce Creek Trailhead to the Forest Boundary. The closure on the upper Mill Creek road will remain in effect while firefighters continue to work on the Passage Falls fire. The Bulldozer Road off of Mill Creek road has been re-opened. In addition, the area closure implemented for the Big Creek fire has been lifted except in the Needle Creek, Crystal Creek, upper portion of South Fork Eightmile Creek, and the upper portion of Fridley Creek areas.

“The Forest intends to evaluate the Stage II Fire Restrictions, currently in effect, on Monday,” said Marna Daley, Gallatin National Forest Public Affairs Officer. “Changing the fire

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restrictions will depend on how much moisture the area receives and how widespread the storm actually is.”

Stage II fire 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.

For additional information please contact your local Forest Service office or call one of the following offices:

- Big Timber Ranger District, (406) 932-5155
- Bozeman Ranger District, (406) 522-2520
- Livingston Ranger District, (406) 222-1892
- Gardiner Ranger District, (406) 848-7375
- Hebgen Lake Ranger District (406) 823-6961
- Gallatin Forest Supervisor’s Office (406) 587-6701

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