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# Bozeman Ranger District News Release



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## Gallatin National Forest Extends Stage I Fire Restrictions into the Lee Metcalf Wilderness

Bozeman, MT -- Effective Monday, August 28, at 12:01 a.m., Stage I fire restrictions will be implemented in the portions of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area managed by the Gallatin National Forest. The restrictions will limit campfires to metal fire grates within developed recreation sites and charcoal fires to metal fire grates or BBQ's within developed recreation sites. Fires within rock fire rings and the use of wood burning stoves in canvas wall tents are NOT authorized. ***The use of gas, propane or butane type stoves is still permitted.***

In addition, smoking within the Gallatin National Forest will be restricted to the following areas:

- Within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- At a developed recreation site.
- In an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable

These fire restrictions, in addition to those implemented earlier, will apply to all lands administered by the Gallatin National Forest except the Main Boulder Drainage south of Big Timber, MT. The Main Boulder Drainage is in Stage 2 fire restrictions.

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