
Gallatin National Forest News Release



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Gallatin National Forest Lifts Fire Restrictions

BOZEMAN MT -- Due to the recent rains and snowfall in the higher elevations, Forest Supervisor Becki Heath will be lifting all fire restrictions beginning Tuesday, September 19, 2006 on public lands administered by the Gallatin National Forest. Within the last twenty-four hours, weather stations around the Forest showed widespread rainfall, measuring upwards of one-half inch and more.

Several burn area closures remain in effect at this time. Please check with your local Ranger District office for fire closure areas.

Many areas of the Gallatin National Forest and surrounding lands could revert back to a moderate to high fire danger condition if weather patterns turn dry, hot and windy, as experienced in the past several weeks. Officials would like to remind visitors to the forest to be careful when using campfires. Take extra precautions to make sure a campfire is dead-out before leaving a campsite. The Gallatin National Forest will continue to monitor weather and fuel moistures in the coming weeks to determine if fire restrictions will go into affect at a later date.

If you have questions regarding restrictions or fire danger, please contact your local fire protection agency or county officials.

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