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Fire Restrictions Lifted

Fire restrictions in South Dakota on all lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management will be lifted at 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 19th due to recent rainfall and cooler temperatures.

Although restrictions are being rescinded, fire danger may return again with warmer temperatures. Please be cautious when working and recreating outdoors: make sure chainsaws and vehicles have spark arresters in place; stop and park only in areas cleared of vegetation; ensure that your campfire is dead out before you leave; and always carry a shovel, bucket and fire extinguisher. Also remember that off road travel is not allowed in some areas. **Anyone who causes a wildland fire intentionally or through negligence may be held accountable for damage and suppression costs.**

A burn permit is still required for any open burning within the Black Hills Fire Protection District. Additional restrictions may also exist in certain areas. Before burning such things as slash piles, ditches, or fields, please contact your local fire department or sheriff's office for more information and to obtain any necessary permits.

Questions can be directed to Terry Chaplin at 605-720-0745 or 605-892-7000.

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