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## **BLM Recreation Areas Closed to Motorized Vehicles**

The Billings Field Office is closing the Shepherd Ah Nei OHV area and the Acton Recreation Area to motorized vehicle use beginning Friday, July 21. The closures are in response to the area's increasing fire potential, current fire activity levels, and the availability of fire suppression resources.

These restrictions are in addition to the Stage 2 fire restrictions announced on July 17 for private, county, state and BLM lands in Sweetgrass, Carbon, Musselshell, Stillwater and Yellowstone counties. The Stage 2 restrictions will also become effective on July 21.

The BLM wants to stress that the Clark on the Yellowstone National Signature Event scheduled for July 22-25 at Pompeys Pillar National Monument is going ahead as planned, although no smoking will be allowed on the event grounds except in vehicles.

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