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**BLM LANDS IN PARK AND GALLATIN COUNTIES IN STAGE TWO  
FIRE RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7**

BUTTE (September 5, 2006) - – Continuing hot temperatures and fire activity have prompted local officials to implement Stage Two Fire Restrictions for all BLM lands lying within Park and Gallatin Counties. To reduce the risk of human-caused fires, the Bureau of Land Management is implementing Stage Two Fire Restrictions effective 12:01 am Thursday morning, September 7 in conjunction with the Gallatin National Forest who implemented Stage Two restrictions on September 6.

Under Stage Two Restrictions, campfires and charcoal fires are not allowed. Stoves and backpacking stoves fueled solely by liquid petroleum or propane are acceptable.

Smoking is allowed ONLY in an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site, or while in an area a least three feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material including vegetation.

“Hoot owl” restrictions are in effect which means the following acts are prohibited from 1 pm to 1 am:

- Operating any internal combustion engine;
- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame;
- Using an explosive.
- A patrol is required for two hours following cessation of work described above.

Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to contact their nearest land management agency if you are unclear about current restrictions. Information is also available from the following web site: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/restrictions\\_index.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/restrictions_index.htm)