

**Miles City Area**  
**Fire Restriction and Closure Plan**  
**2005-2010**

Appendices updated annually

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# Miles City Area Fire Restriction and Closure Plan 2005-2010

## I. Introduction

This Fire Restriction and Closure Plan is an action plan tiered to the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Restriction and Closure Procedures, dated June 1, 2001 and updated July of 2004 (Appendix F). This Plan documents the coordination and decision-making process used to implement fire restrictions or closure in the Miles City Area. Fire restrictions impose many limitations on the general public, and therefore should be implemented only after all other prevention measures have been taken. Closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies, and are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures should be implemented only in situations where the public's safety cannot be guaranteed.

Agencies, tribes and counties included in the Miles City Restriction Area will be referred to as the cooperators throughout this document. The cooperators include:

- Custer National Forest, USFS
- Eastern Land Office, DNRC
- Miles City Field Office, BLM
- Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, BIA
- Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, FWS
- Counties of: Rosebud, Powder River, Custer, Carter, Fallon, Wibaux, Prairie, Dawson, Garfield, McCone and Richland in the State of Montana
- Federal lands within Harding County in South Dakota.

With all Miles City area cooperators working together, the decision to implement fire **restrictions** lies with each of the agency, tribal leaders, and county commissioners within that area.

The decision to implement an **area closure**, associated with an ongoing incident, lies with the agency administrator or tribal chairperson whose land requires the closure.

The decision to implement **large-scale closure** lies with the agency administrators and tribal leaders in the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group.

## **II. Objectives**

- A. This plan will provide clear direction and responsibility for the coordination and implementation of fire restrictions and closure within the Miles City Area.
- B. This plan will provide standardized wording, criteria, and process for implementing fire restriction and closure.

## **III. Area Location**

The Miles City Fire Restriction Area includes all lands within the counties of Rosebud, Powder River, Custer, Carter, Fallon, Wibaux, Prairie, Dawson, Garfield, McCone and Richland in the State of Montana; and federal lands within Harding County in South Dakota.

(See Area Map – Appendix A)

## **IV. Responsibilities (see Appendix B for list of names)**

### **Area Agency Administrator:**

This person may be a Forest Supervisor, State Area Office Manager, Field Office Manager, Tribal Chairperson, Park Superintendent, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Supervisor, etc. or a designee.

The Lead Administrator is responsible for:

- Facilitating the decision-making and implementation process.
- Following and endorsing the NRCG Restriction Guidelines.
- Ensuring that the restriction coordinator has the tools they need to perform successfully.
- Ensuring that agency restriction documents are accurate and approved through their legal counsel.
- Ensuring that their agency follows all measures stated in their restrictions document.
- Monitoring the success of the enacted restriction and providing timely feedback to the area restrictions coordinator.

### **Geographic Restriction Coordinator:**

This person is responsible for:

- Facilitating the restrictions implementation and rescission process on a geographic basis.
- Monitoring restrictions activity across all Areas.
- Providing an assessment of conditions and issues to the Geographic Agency Administrators.
- Coordinating the need for large-scale closures across all agencies.
- Maintaining a geographic website for restrictions and closures information.

### **Area Restrictions Coordinator:**

This person is responsible for:

- Facilitating the restrictions process and implementation of this plan.
- Coordinating public notification.
- Gathering all information needed from each cooperator to make informed decisions. Monitoring fire activity, ERC levels, and prevention efforts.
- Notifying the geographic coordinator of the Area's impending restrictions or rescinding of restrictions.

- Communicating and coordinating with neighboring areas on their restriction and closure activity.
- Identifying a person for media contacts for the area.
- Monitoring and gathering information for timely rescission of orders.

**Agency Administrator:**

This person is the leader and decision-maker for their respective agencies, counties or tribes.

**Agency/Tribe Representatives:**

They are responsible for:

- Monitoring the local fire danger and informing their agency administrators.
- Notifying the Area Restrictions Coordinator as conditions indicate the need for fire restrictions.
- Assist as needed to ensure public/agency notification of restrictions.

**DNRC Representative:**

This person is an agency representative that:

- Serves as the State Liaison.
- Is responsible for notifying State Headquarters and state political offices of Area's impending restrictions.
- Helps coordinate county participation in the restriction process.

**Local Government Representatives:**

These people are responsible for:

- Serving as a liaison for the county commissioners and city
- Keeping County DES and Fire Wardens informed

**Media Coordinator:**

The person is responsible for:

- Providing media contacts and Cooperators with fire restriction press releases.
- Keeping the Media Contact List updated.
- Working closely with the Area Restrictions Coordinator on public notification.

## V. Decision Criteria (to be decided upon by FMO's)

Fire restrictions and closures require a high degree of coordination between all levels within each agency and tribe, between all of the agencies, tribes, and county governments in the restriction area, between adjacent restriction areas, and between the restriction areas and the NRCG restrictions coordinator. This coordination must be continuous from the time restrictions are first proposed until cancellation of all restrictions.

The cooperators in the restriction area will continuously monitor weather, fuel conditions and other factors that will indicate when restrictions or closures are warranted. The decision criteria are a combination of all values, not just one or two. The criteria to consider include:

- Live fuel moisture content
- Initial attack resources are at draw-down level
- 3-day mean energy release components
- 1000- hour fuel moisture content
- Status and availability of adjacent fire resources are at or reaching draw-down level
- High number of human-caused fire starts including operations fires
- Unusually high visitor use.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue
- Regional preparedness level.
- Some significant events are occurring or are about to occur: "hunting season" etc
- Life safety is jeopardized

When fire managers see that the above-mentioned criteria are being approached, discussions on the need for **restrictions** will begin.

In addition to the above criteria for fire restrictions, the following additional criteria need to be evaluated whenever a **closure** is being considered.

- Potential for extreme or blowup fire behavior
- Potential loss of life or property due to extreme fire conditions
- Stage II restrictions are not effective in reducing the number of human-caused fires
- Resources across the geographic area are at a critical shortage level.

When trends indicate the approach of restrictions, Fire Managers from each agency will advise their supervisors and Fire or Public Information Officers, and alert outlying offices of impending restrictions to provide enough lead time for prevention signing and for public notification. Many small community newspapers are only printed once a week. Their deadlines need to be considered. **If at all possible, decisions should be made by Tuesday at 10 AM** if we plan to invoke or cancel restrictions by the weekend in order to reach the most people. Restrictions should never be implemented during the weekend unless there is an emergency.

If one or more cooperators within the restriction area are considering implementing fire **restrictions**, they will contact the Area Restrictions Coordinator who will call a meeting of all Cooperators within the area to talk about the need to start the restriction process. The decision to go into **restrictions** will be coordinated with adjacent restriction areas/agencies. The NRCG will be kept informed.

**Area closures** may be necessary for isolated areas where public and firefighter safety is a concern such as around an ongoing incident. Area administrators, tribal chairpersons, or county commissioners from the land where the incident is located will make that decision and coordinate with adjacent agencies through the Restrictions Coordinator. NRCG will be kept informed throughout the process.

The Geographic Area Administrators through the NRCG will handle **large-scale closures**.

## VI. Implementation Procedures

The following is a description of the procedures and time frames to be used, and the responsible person to carry out each task. The leaders whose jurisdiction lies within the Restriction Area will agree when to move into each stage of restriction. They have the flexibility to decide how much of the Area needs to be placed under restrictions. Not all of the Area needs to move into restrictions at the same time or be in the same restriction stage. The public should be able to easily understand the location of the areas put into restrictions or closure.

The final decision to implement fire **restrictions** lies with each agency administrator, tribal leader, or county commissioner.

The decision to implement an **area closure** lies with the agency administrator or tribal chairperson or county commissioner on whose land requires the closure. Where more than one jurisdiction is involved, the agencies involved will coordinate these closures. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will immediately be informed of the decision and will inform the other Cooperators within the Restriction Area and adjacent agencies and restriction areas. NRCG will be kept informed during the decision making process.

Geographic Agency Administrators through NRCG will implement **large-scale closure**.

The time frame for going into each restriction and closure should allow plenty of time for public and agency notification in order to deal with signing of the Orders, exemptions, prevention signing, etc. and should be agreed to by all Cooperators.

Coordination with adjacent areas and other affected agencies in the restriction area [Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), Law Enforcement, etc.] that will be impacted is essential. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will notify other areas/agencies of the decision in order to coordinate prevention signing and public information. The Coordinator will also notify large landowners.

Fire prevention signing should be coordinated so the message is in line with the restrictions as they are implemented. Signing will be the responsibility of the administrative agency unless previously agreed upon and discussed.

After the decision has been made to go into restrictions or closures, all employees of all restriction area cooperators should be notified immediately by their agency. The affected political offices (state and county) should also be contacted immediately. This will be the responsibility of the DNRC and local government representatives.

The next step is to issue the appropriate special order. To provide for interagency standardization across various ownerships, the wording for the two restriction stages as set forth in the “NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures” will be used in all restriction orders. (see Appendix C). Each agency shall have orders pre-written with the standardized wording. The agency administrator, tribal leader or county commissioner is responsible for signing the **restriction** orders and area closure and the NRCG agency administrator or tribal leader is responsible for signing the **large-scale closure** order.

Appendix C contains the standardized wording for the two restriction stages as found in the “NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures.”

News releases will be issued immediately so the public has as much advanced notice as possible, one day at minimum. This is the responsibility of the Miles City Area Media Coordinator. News releases, brochures, psa’s, etc. will be prewritten and agreed upon by **all agencies** in the restriction area. The use of a fire information/media team to coordinate restriction press releases could be employed if deemed necessary.

All cooperators in the restrictions area will send a **signed** copy of their restriction orders, with designated campfire sites attached, by FAX or mail to the Area Restrictions Coordinator as soon as they are signed. An e-mail copy will be sent immediately. If cooperators go into Closure, a list of exemptions will be attached to the Closure Order and sent to the Restrictions Coordinator. The Restrictions Coordinator will update the Northern Rockies Fire Restriction website with the current restriction information.

An email will be sent to each cooperator in the restrictions area consisting of all signed restriction orders with designated campfires sites attached or closure orders with exemptions attached; the news release, and a map showing where the restrictions/closures are located if the entire area is not in the same restriction stage.

## **VII. Rescission Procedures**

The rescission of fire restrictions or closures will follow the same process identified above in Implementation Procedures. Areas should plan restrictions for the long-term danger and not jump at short fluctuations in risk, weather, and fire danger. When rescinding closure orders, enough time should be given to allow for signing of areas that might still need to be closed such as near ongoing fires.

## **VIII. Communication Plan**

Notification of key contacts and the general public concerning the implementation of Fire Restrictions or Closures is essential and should be accomplished immediately so as to avoid confusion. Contacts need to be told why, when, and to what degree they will be affected.

When weather conditions or special circumstances indicate a very high potential for devastating fires to occur, fire restrictions or closure will likely be imposed. When conditions warrant fire restrictions be implemented or changed, each agency, tribal or local representative will advise



their supervisors. All employees should be advised of the situation. The special order will be prepared and signed with enough lead-time to provide proper notifications and make preparations for appropriate prevention signing. The restriction and closure website is [Northern Rockies Fire Restrictions](#)

Choose (Miles City Area) by clicking on the map or selecting Miles City area under Montana on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a map of the Miles City Restriction Area and under the map is the restriction information in text format.

Key contacts will be advised in a timely manner about decisions concerning implementation or rescission of restrictions or closure, see Appendix D: Contact List. This can best be handled through group e-mail process.

Each Cooperator is responsible for notifying special use permittees and contractors such as outfitters and timber companies doing business on their land. The DNRC will notify state offices and the local government representative will notify county offices.

The general public will be notified through a combination of media news releases, psa's, prevention signing, and personal contacts. The Miles City Area Media Coordinator will notify all surrounding media outlets to solicit their help in notification of the public about the current situation.

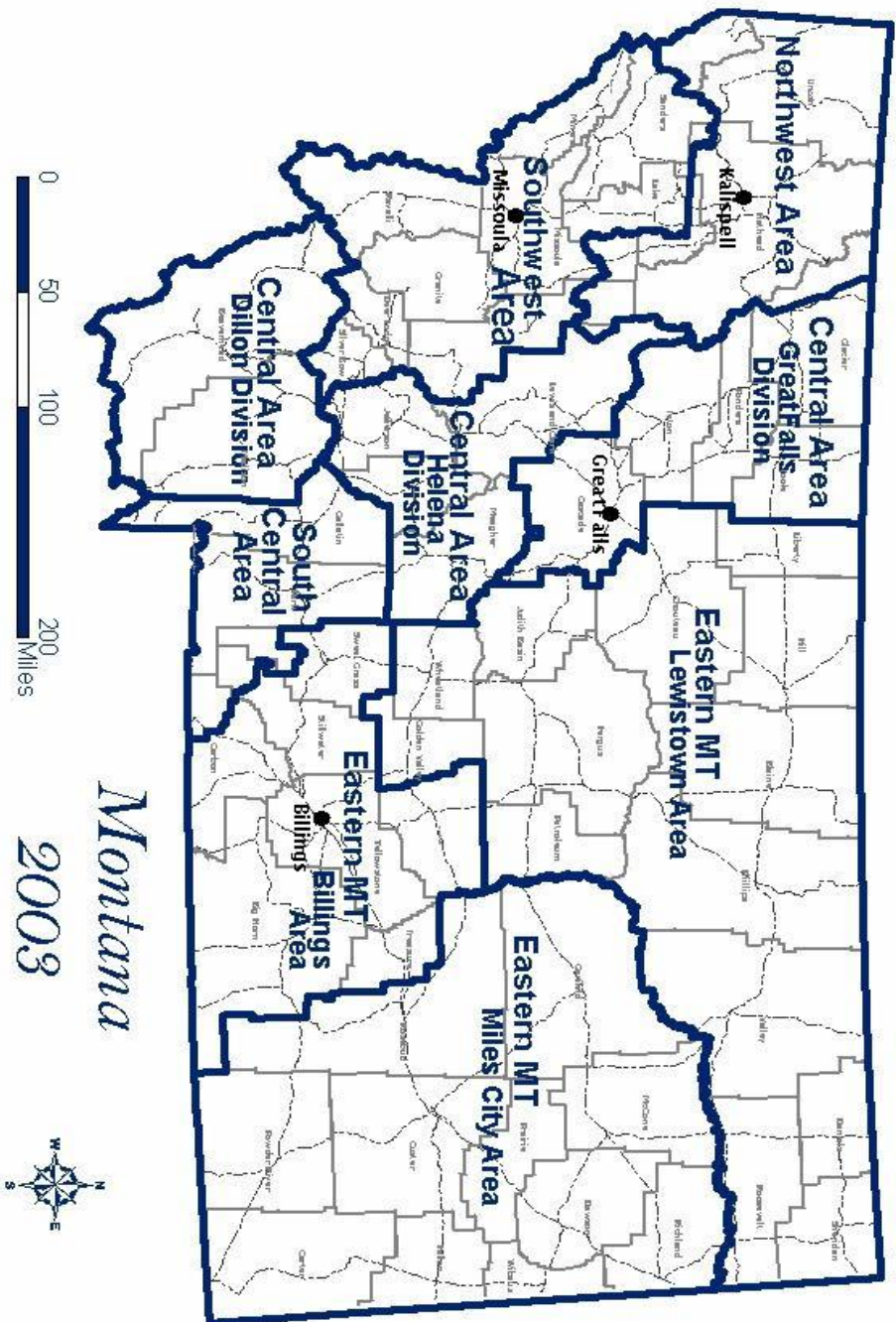
The Area Media Coordinator will have all press releases available in template format before the start of the fire season. Press releases will be sent to all Cooperators for approval before they are sent to the media. Only one press release will be written for the Miles City Area.

All press releases will go through the Area Media Coordinator unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.

See Appendix E for the Media contact list. This list will be reviewed each year and updated as contacts change.

**Appendix A**  
**MAPS**  
**Miles City Restriction Area**  
**Montana Restriction Areas and Divisions**

# Restriction Areas and Divisions



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**APPENDIX B**  
**NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP AND MILES CITY RESTRICTION AREA**  
**LEADERS/REPRESENTATIVES**

**NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR/TRIBAL LEADER**

<b>AGENCY/TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>AGENCY/TRIBE</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>
Kathleen McAllister, Deputy Regional Forester	Region 1, U.S. Forest Service	329-3311
Bob Harrington, Montana State Forester	MT Dept of Natural Resources and Cons.	542-4301
Ed Parisian, Regional Director	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office	247-7943
Jim Kelton, Fire Management Director	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	303-236-8125
Gene Terland, State Director	Bureau of Land Management	896-5012
Dan McGowan, Montana DES Administrator	Montana DES	
Mike Synder, Director	National Park Service, Intermountain Region	303-969-2500

**MILES CITY RESTRICTION AREA**  
**AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS, TRIBAL LEADERS and COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

<b>AGENCY/TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>AGENCY/TRIBE</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>CELL NUMBER</b>
Elaine Raper, Field Manager	Miles City Field Office, BLM	233-2827	853-0945
Steve Williams, Forest Supervisor	Custer National Forest	657-6200 x215	
Rick Strohmyer, Area Manager	Eastern Land Office, DNRC	232-2034	
Marge Eagleman, Agency Supervisor	Bureau of Indian Affairs Northern Cheyenne Agency	477-8242	679-0782
Bryce Christensen, Regional Supervisor	Region 7, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	234-0913	
Barron Crawford, Refuge Manager	Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge	538-8706 x221	366-0537
Clive Rooney, Area Manager	North Eastern Land Office, DNRC	538-7789	366-1256
Bill Loehding, Jim Courtney, Steve Rosencranz; County Commissioners	Carter County	406-775-8749	Fax 775-8750
Jack Nesbit, Gary Matthews, Milo Huber; County Commissioners	Custer County	406-874-3350 or 874-3351 / 3352	Fax 874-3452
Adam Gartner, Douglas Buxbaum, Jim Skillestad; County Commissioners	Dawson County	406-377-3562	Fax 377-1717
Dennis A Frank, Donald Rieger, Deb Ranum; County Commissioners	Fallon County	406-778-7107	Fax 778-2048
Jerry Coldwell, Jack Murnion, Julie Jordan; County Commissioners	Garfield County	406-557-2434	Fax 557-2765
Patrick Eggebrecht, Janet Wolff, Connie Eissinger; County Commissioners	McCone County	406-485-3500	Fax 485-2689
Ray Traub, Don McDowell, Nancy Espy; County Commissioners	Powder River County	406-436-2657	Fax 436-2151
Bill Leach, Todd Devlin, Ann Marie Davis; County Commissioners	Prairie	406-635-5575	Fax 635-5576
Mark Rehbein, Don Stepler, Henry Johnson; County Commissioners	Richland County	406-433-1706	Fax 433-3731
Daniel Watson, Daniel Sioux, Beverly Nile; County Commissioners	Rosebud County	406-346-2251	Fax 346-7551
Leif Bakken, Gilbert Quade, Glenn Hutchinson; County Commissioners	Wibaux County	406-796-6481	Fax 796-2625
Warren Dunn, Fire Chief George Davis, Fire Chief	Harding County, South Dakota Camp Crook VFD, South Dakota	605-375-3555 605-797-4466	Fax 797-4419

**MILES CITY RESTRICTION AREA  
AGENCY/TRIBAL/COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>AGENCY/TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>AGENCY/TRIBE</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>CELL NUMBER</b>
Rick Strohmyer, Lead Agency Administrator	Eastern Land Office, DNRC	<b>232-2034</b>	
Larry Elder, Miles City Area Restrictions Coordinator Alternate: VACANT	Eastern MT Fire Zone, BLM	<b>896-2941</b>	<b>855-0986</b>
Vacant , Miles City Area Media Coordinator Mark Jacobson, Media Coordinator Alternate:	Miles City Field Office, BLM	<b>234-0919</b> <b>233-2831</b>	
Tim Button, Fire Management Officer	Custer National Forest	<b>657-6200 ext 243</b>	<b>855-2430</b>
Elizabeth McFarland, District Ranger	Custer National Forest, Ashland Ranger District	<b>784-2344</b>	
Kurt Hanson, District Ranger (Accepted Position)	Custer National Forest, Sioux Ranger District	<b>605-797-4432 ext 17</b>	
Mike Dannenberg, Fire Mitigation/Education	Fire & Aviation, BLM	<b>896-2913</b>	<b>896-0152</b>
Randy Sanders, Fire Program Manager	Eastern Land Office, DNRC	<b>233-2904</b>	<b>853-2034</b>
Tom Corbin, Fire Management Officer	Rocky Mountain Regional Office, BIA	<b>247-7949</b>	<b>860-2411</b>
Dwayne Andrews, Regional Information and Education	Region 7, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	<b>234-0900</b>	
Mike Granger, FMO	USFWS - CMR	<b>538-8706 x224</b>	
Norman Parrent, DES District Representative	Montana DES	<b>234-2809</b>	
Charlie Hanson, DES District Representative	Montana DES	<b>245-9672</b>	
Rusty Jardee, Firewarden	Carter County	<b>775-8743</b>	<b>975-8744</b>
Mike Preller Firewarden Bud Peterson	Custer County	<b>232-8342</b> <b>874-3510</b>	
Tim Mort, Firewarden	Dawson County	<b>365-2177</b>	<b>989-1015</b>
Tom Muckle, Firewarden	Fallon County	<b>778-3346</b>	<b>891-0458</b>
Ray Hageman, Firewarden	Garfield County	<b>557-2263</b>	<b>977-9705</b>
Jess Beery, Firewarden	McCone County	<b>485-3313</b>	<b>939-3318</b>
Joe Cathey, Firewarden	Powder River County	<b>436-2885</b>	<b>853-4009</b>
Bill Klunder, Firewarden	Prairie County	<b>635-5738</b>	<b>951-0723</b>
Ken Volk, Firewarden	Richland County	<b>433-2092</b>	<b>480-2327</b>
Doug Martens, Firewarden	Rosebud County	<b>346-4270</b>	<b>351-1574</b>
Brian Nelson, Firewarden	Wibaux County	<b>796-2426</b>	<b>939-1967</b>
Warren Dunn, Fire Chief	Harding County, South Dakota	<b>605-375-3555</b>	<b>641-6816</b>

## APPENDIX C Standardized Wording for Restriction Stages

To provide for interagency standardization across various ownerships, the following criteria will be used in all restriction documents.

### **Montana State Fire Season (May 1 through September 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Implement and enforce the State of Montana Fire Rules and Regulations.

## **Stage I Fire Restrictions**

### **The following acts are prohibited until further notice:**



1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below.



2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

### **Exemptions:**

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

### **Violations:**

- You could be fined up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisonment up to 6 months for violating restrictions and closures.
- You can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if you start a fire.

## Stage II Fire Restrictions

### The following acts are prohibited until further notice:



1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire.



2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.



3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:

- a. Operating any internal combustion engine.
- b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- c. Using an explosive.

A one hour foot patrol in the work area is required following cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.



4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

### Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
3. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
8. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
9. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

### Violations:

- You could be fined up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisonment up to 6 months for violating restrictions and closures.
- You can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if you start a fire.

## **Standardized Wording for Area Closure**

### **For Forest Service and BLM closures:**

The following acts are prohibited on the (area). Going into or being upon the following described areas is prohibited (filling in the appropriate number from the Code of Federal regulations).

### **Exemptions:**

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
3. Owners or lessees of private land in the area.
4. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.



## Appendix D Miles City Area Contact List

Agency	Name	Address	Phone	Cell	FAX	Email
Lead Agency Administrator	Rick Strohmeyer	321 Main Street, Miles City, MT 59301	232-2034		232-3807	<a href="mailto:rstrohmeyer@state.mt.us">rstrohmeyer@state.mt.us</a>
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Miles City Area Media Coordinator Alternate Media Coordinator	Vacant Mark Jacobson	111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301	233-2831			<a href="mailto:mjacobson@blm.gov">mjacobson@blm.gov</a>
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DNRC, ELO, Fire Program Manager	Randy Sanders	321 Main St. Miles City, MT 59301	232-2034			<a href="mailto:rasanders@state.mt.us">rasanders@state.mt.us</a>
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**APPENDIX E**  
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**NEWSPAPERS**

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AgriNews	P.O. Box 30755 Billings, MT 59107	Before 1700 on Mondays	259-5406	259-6888	<a href="mailto:editor@imt.net">editor@imt.net</a>	Email
Associated Press	825 Great Northern Blvd Suite 203 Helena, MT 59601	n/a	442-7440	442-5162	<a href="mailto:apmontana@ap.org">apmontana@ap.org</a>	Email
Billings Gazette	P.O. Box 36300 Billings, MT 59107	End of day	657-1241 657-1399	657-1208	<a href="mailto:citynews@billingsgazette.com">citynews@billingsgazette.com</a>	Email
Big Sky Journal		5 days before 1st & 15th of month	259-2309	254-8718	<a href="mailto:press@bigskybusiness.com">press@bigskybusiness.com</a>	Email
Big Horn County News Bighorn County	PO Box 926 Hardin, MT. 59034	Before 1300 on Tuesdays	665-1008	665-1012	<a href="mailto:news@bighorncounty.com">news@bighorncounty.com</a>	
Circle Banner McCone County	PO Box 308 Circle, MT 59324	Before 1300 On Mondays	406-485-3409 Ryan or Britt	406-485-2330	<a href="mailto:banner@midrivers.com">banner@midrivers.com</a>	Email
Ekalaka Eagle Carter County	PO Box 66 Ekalaka, MT. 59324	Before 1000 On Tuesday	406-775-6245 406-775-6541 Brice or Troy		<a href="mailto:ekeagle@midrivers.com">ekeagle@midrivers.com</a>	Email
Fallon County Times Fallon County	PO Box 679 Baker, MT. 59313	Before 1400 On Tuesday	406-778-3344 Darlene	406-778-3347	<a href="mailto:fctimes@midrivers.com">fctimes@midrivers.com</a>	Email
Hysham Echo Rosebud/Treasure	214 N 13 <sup>th</sup> Forsyth, MT 59327	?	406-346-7067		<a href="mailto:cklinker@rangeweb.net">cklinker@rangeweb.net</a>	
Glasgow Courier	Glasgow	Tuesday 1200	228-9301	228-2665	<a href="mailto:courier@glasgowcourier.com">courier@glasgowcourier.com</a>	Email
Great Falls Tribune	Great Falls	Daily 1800	791-1491	791-1431	<a href="mailto:tribcity@greatfallstribune.com">tribcity@greatfallstribune.com</a>	Email
Independent Press Rosebud/Treasure	183 N 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave Forsyth Mt 59327	Before 1200 On Mondays	406-346-2149 Kate Bertin	406-346-2140	<a href="mailto:lp-news@rangeweb.net">lp-news@rangeweb.net</a>	Email
Miles City Star Custer County	PO Box 1216 Miles City, MT 59301	Before 1200 M-F	406-234-0450 Marla Prell Elaine Foreman	406-232-6687	<a href="mailto:starnews@midrivers.com">starnews@midrivers.com</a>	Email
Nation Center News Harding County	PO Box 107 Buffalo, SD 57720	Before 1700 On Monday	605-375-3228 Wally or Linda	605-375-3615	<a href="mailto:ncn@sdplains.com">ncn@sdplains.com</a>	Email
Powder River Examiner Powder River County	PO Box 328 Broadus MT 59317	Before 1200 On Tuesday	406-436-2244 Joe Stewart	406-436-2244	<a href="mailto:prexaminer@rangeweb.net">prexaminer@rangeweb.net</a>	Email
Rapid City Journal			605-394-8300	605-394-8463	<a href="mailto:news@rapidcityjournal.com">mailto:news@rapidcityjournal.com</a>	

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Glendive Ranger Review Dawson County	PO Box 61 Glendive MT 59330	Before 1200 on Tuesday & Friday	406-377-3303 Jamie		<a href="mailto:rrnews@rangerreview.com">rrnews@rangerreview.com</a>	Email
Jordan Tribune/Tradewind Garfield County	7 East Main Jordan Mt	Before 1200 On Tuesday	406-557-2337 Grant	406-557-6248	<a href="mailto:tradewind@midrivers.com">tradewind@midrivers.com</a>	Email
Sidney Herald Richland County	310 2nd Ave N Sidney MT 59270	Before 1400 on Monday & before 1400 on Thursday	406-433-2403 Bill Vander Weele	406-433-7802	<a href="mailto:editor@sidneyherald.com">editor@sidneyherald.com</a>	Email
Terry Tribune Prairie County	PO Box127 Terry MT 59349	Before 1200 On Monday	406-635-5513 Kaye	406-635-2149	<a href="mailto:tribune@midrivers.com">tribune@midrivers.com</a>	Email
Western Livestock Reporter	P.O. Box 30755 Billings, MT 59107	Friday 1600	259-5406	259-6888	<a href="mailto:wlrpubs@imt.net">wlrpubs@imt.net</a>	Email
Wibaux Pioneer Wibaux County	PO Box 218 Wibaux, MT.59349	Before1700 On Monday	406-796-2218 Frank	406-796-6218	<a href="mailto:wibaux@midrivers.com">wibaux@midrivers.com</a>	Email
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KULR 8 TV(ABC)	2045 Overland Ave Billings, MT 59102		656-8000 656-8558 655-2669	655-2688	<a href="mailto:news@kulr.com">news@kulr.com</a>	
KXGN (CBS)			939-3378	406-365-2181	<a href="mailto:newsdesk@kxgn.com">newsdesk@kxgn.com</a>	
FOX 4/KSVI 6 TV(ABC)	445 S. 24 West Billings, MT 59102		652-4743	652-6963		

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KBLG 910 AM KRKX 94.1 FM KRZN 96.3 FM KYAA 93.3 FM	Cherry Creek Radio 2075 Central Ave. Billings, MT. 59102		652-8400	652-4889	<a href="mailto:newsroom@kblg.com">newsroom@kblg.com</a>	
KEMC FM	Public Radio 1500 North 30 <sup>th</sup> Billings, MT 59101	Jackie Yamanaka	657-2941	657-2977	<a href="mailto:jyamanaka@yellowstonepublicradio.com">jyamanaka@yellowstonepublicradio.com</a>	Fax or Email
KURL 730 AM KURL 97.5 FM KMZK 1240 AM	636 Haugen Billings, MT		245-3121	245-0822	<a href="mailto:news@kurlradio.com">news@kurlradio.com</a> <a href="mailto:office@kurlradio.com">office@kurlradio.com</a>	Email
KQBL105.1 KGHL 790 AM KGHL 98.5 FM KRSQ 101.9 FM KRPM 107.5	New Northwest Broadcasters 222 N. 32 <sup>nd</sup> Billings, MT 59101		238-1000	238-1038	<a href="mailto:billings@nnbproduction.com">billings@nnbproduction.com</a>	Email or Fax
KBSR AM 1490	Big Sky Radio P.O. Box 248 Laurel, MT 59044	Rich	651-5277	665-2131	<a href="mailto:rich@bigskyradio.net">rich@bigskyradio.net</a> Doesn't open e-mail attachments	Email or Fax
Northern Broadcasting System	P.O. Box 1742 600 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave North Billings, MT 59103,59101				<a href="mailto:newsdesk@northernbroadcasting.com">newsdesk@northernbroadcasting.com</a>	Email
KFLN	Moore Lane Baker, MT	Alysia Putnam	406-778-3371	406-778-3373	<a href="mailto:events@klfn.info">events@klfn.info</a>	either
KATL	818 Main Miles City, MT 59301		406-234-7700	406-282-7783	<a href="mailto:katlradiosales@katradio.com">katlradiosales@katradio.com</a>	Email
KYUS 92.3 FM KMTA 1050 AM	508 Main St Miles City, MT. 59301	Terry	234-5626 C 853-5903	874-7000	<a href="mailto:terry@kyuskmta.com">terry@kyuskmta.com</a>	Email or Fax
KIKC 101.3 FM	PO Box 1140 Forsyth, MT 59327		406-346-2711	346-2712	<a href="mailto:kick@rangeweb.net">kick@rangeweb.net</a>	Email or Fax
KTHC 95.1 FM Sidney KYYZ 96.1 FM Williston KEYZ 660 AM Williston	Northern Plains Radio Network PO Box 2048 Williston, ND.58802		406-433-5090 701-572-5371	406-433-5095 701-572-7511	<a href="mailto:Power95@middrivers.com">Power95@middrivers.com</a>	Fax ND

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KXGN 1400 AM KDZN 96.5 FM	210 South Douglas Glendive, MT. 59330		406-377-3377	406-3652181	<a href="mailto:studios@kygn.com">studios@kygn.com</a>	Email or Fax
KHDN 1230 AM KYLW 1450 AM	PO Box 230 Hardin, MT. 59034		665-2828	665-2131	<a href="mailto:rich@bigskyradio.net">rich@bigskyradio.net</a> Doesn't open e-mail attachments	Email or Fax

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Spokesman Review	Spokane, WA				509-459-5482
Associated Press ND					701-224-0158
Associated Press SD					605-224-8513

**We agree to the Miles City Fire Restrictions and Closure Plan for 2005-2010.**

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Steve Williams, Supervisor                      Date  
Custer National Forest

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Elaine Raper, Field Manager                      Date  
Miles City Field Office  
Bureau of Land Management

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Marge Eagleman, Agency Superintendent      Date  
Northern Cheyenne Agency  
Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Rick Strohmyer, Area Manager                      Date  
Eastern Land Office - Department of Natural  
Resources and Conservation

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Barron Crawford, Refuge Manager              Date  
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

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Bryce Christensen, Regional Supervisor      Date  
Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region 7

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Carter County Commission Chair              Date

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Norman Parrent, District Representative      Date  
Montana Disaster of Emergency Services

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Custer County Commission Chair              Date

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Fallon County Commission Chair              Date

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Dawson County Commission Chair              Date

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McCone County Commission Chair              Date

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Garfield County Commission Chair              Date

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Prairie County Commission Chair              Date

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Powder River County Commission Chair      Date

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Rosebud County Commission Chair              Date

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Richland County Commission Chair              Date

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Wibaux County Commission Chair              Date