

Resolution No. 2454

WHEREAS, due to hot and dry conditions, the fire danger in Flathead County is very high to extreme;

WHEREAS, the weather forecasts for Flathead County indicate little relief from the very hot and dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Flathead National Forest, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Northwest Land Office, Glacier National Park, Lincoln County, Missoula County, and Sanders County have all enacted Stage II Fire Restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, at the request of the Flathead County Fire Warden and Flathead County Rural Fire Chiefs, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, hereby establishes the following Stage II Fire Restrictions on all private lands in Flathead County, Montana and the following acts or uses are prohibited:

- a) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire.
- b) Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.
- c) In addition to the prohibitions in Section 50-37-103, M.C.A., use of fireworks during Stage II Fire Restrictions is prohibited.
- d) Operating a motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails, except for persons engaged in a trade, business, or occupation where it is required. Fire extinguishers and fire tools are required during such operations.
- e) The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:
 - i) Operating any internal combustion engine.
 - ii) Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
 - iii) Using an explosive.

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 in an area that is barren or closely mowed and cleared of all surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device, and cleared of all overhead flammable materials within six (6) feet of the device, and have fire extinguishing material readily accessible at the device.
- 3. Persons on their private property can use BBQ grills that have an area that is barren or closely mowed and cleared of all surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the BBQ device, and cleared of all overhead flammable materials within six (6) feet of

the BBQ device, and have running water (water hose) readily accessible at the BBQ device.

4. 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 ten (10) feet of the generator, and overhead flammable materials within six (6) feet of the generator.
5. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
6. Emergency repair of public roadways, public utilities, and railways.
7. Agricultural activities pursuant to § 76-2-901, et seq., M.C.A.
8. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
9. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
10. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
11. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

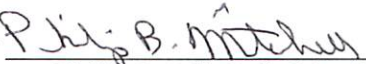
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing restrictions shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana.

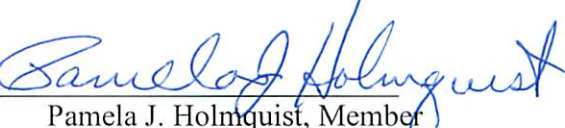
DATED this 26th day of July, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana



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