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## Yellowstone County Rescinds Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions and the ban on open burning have been rescinded in Yellowstone County, except in the Emerald Hills and Pine Hills subdivisions where there are permanent burning bans. Open burning is allowed in other parts of the county, but burn permits are required. Please contact the county fire warden at 256-2775 for more information and the Yellowstone County Air Pollution Office at 256-6841 to obtain an open burning permit.

Stage 1 fire restrictions continue on private, state and BLM lands in Carbon, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Treasure counties. There are no restrictions on Forest Service lands in any of these counties.

Under Stage 1, fires are permitted only within developed recreation sites, and smoking is allowed only in areas cleared of flammable materials.

Exemptions for Stage 1 restrictions include fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG, or other activities for which there is a permit or written authorization.

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

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When working and recreating outdoors, please continue to use caution and honor restrictions to decrease the chance of human-caused fires and avoid resource and property damage. **Anyone who causes a wildland fire intentionally or through negligence may be held accountable for damage and suppression costs.**

Even in areas not under restrictions, a permit is required for any open burning other than campfires. 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.

For more information about fire prevention, please contact the Custer National Forest at 406-657-6200; Bureau of Land Management at 406-896-5013; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation at 406-247-4400; Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 406-247-2940; Carbon County at 406-446-1595; Stillwater County at 406-321-0204; Sweet Grass County at 406-932-5143; or your local fire department or sheriff's office.

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