EMERGENCY RESOLUTION #2012-20

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, high temperatures and low precipitation have occurred within Beaverhead County during the months of May and June 2012, resulting in dry fuel conditions, poor soil moisture conditions and low water supplies which has contributed to a HIGH wildland fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the Beaverhead County Board of County Commissioners declares that all private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Beaverhead County Commissioners, that **Stage One Fire Restrictions** are in effect for all county and private lands in Beaverhead County, due to HIGH wildland fire danger; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all activities that might potentially cause a fire, including, but not limited to use of fireworks, shall cease immediately and be prohibited until further notice. In regards to fireworks, a 24 hour use period will be allowed beginning at 12:01 a.m. and ending on 11:59 p.m. on July 4th.

AN EXCEPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 29th, 2012, and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Board of the Beaverhead County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2012, by the Board of County Commissioners, Beaverhead County, Montana.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

By: _____
Garth L. Haugland
Chairman

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Michael J. McGinley
Commissioner

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C. Thomas Rice
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Debra L. Scott

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.

Please do your part to prevent unwanted wildland fires.