



Northern Rockies
Coordination Group

U.S. Forest Service
Flathead National
Forest
Kootenai National
Forest

Dept. of Interior
Glacier National Park

Montana DNRC
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All Units

Counties Of:
Flathead
Lake
Lincoln
Sanders

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Wildfire Protection Entities and Counties Rescind Stage II Fire Restrictions Effective: Wednesday, September 20

Kalispell, MT — Stage 2 Fire Restrictions will officially be rescinded at 12:01am Wednesday, September 20th across Northwest Montana. Federal, State, and Private jurisdictions rescinding restrictions include:

- Glacier National Park
- Flathead National Forest
- Kootenai National Forest
- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Stimson, Stoltze, and Weyerhaeuser Companies
- *Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, and Sanders Counties will each be rescinding restrictions independently and effective immediately upon signature of resolutions by respective county commissioners.*

Cooperating agencies would like to sincerely thank the public for their vigilance in fire prevention this season and remind residents that, while recent rain across the area has affected forest fuel conditions and aided fire suppression efforts, long term forecasts predict a warm dry fall. Please continue to take care, as it will take time for critically dry forest fuels to rebound from the historically low moistures of this summer.

Northwest Montana was in very high to extreme fire danger and Stage 2 Fire Restrictions for 53 days, and many people across the region have been affected by wildfire. Be aware that many large fires continue to burn across the landscape, fire suppression and rehabilitation efforts will continue, and local closures may be in place. Contact the local unit or district office for more information.

While campfires, internal combustion engines, and off-road travel are once again allowed, open burning does not start until October 1. Please wait until Open Burn season to burn piles of brush and yard debris. Open burn seasons are a great time to prepare your home and property for the next fire season. For more information, go to www.firewise.org.

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