

Appendix B-Standardized Wording

Standardized Wording for Fire Restrictions Stages

There will be two fire restrictions stages: Stage I and Stage II. Each agency/tribe within Lewistown Area Fire Restrictions must write its own agency/tribe documents that authorizes the restrictions within its jurisdiction. Permanent restrictions are those activities that are **always** restricted as determined by a management unit's year-round orders or an agency/tribal laws and regulations.

Stage I 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.**

Note: for the smoking provision, each agency/tribe must cite their actual regulations/laws, therefore, the wording for the prohibition may be slightly different.

Exemptions for Stage I*:

1. Persons with written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LGP 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 device.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated area 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.
7. Listed campgrounds/recreation sites where campfires are **allowed** during Stage I restrictions. See Appendix H.

Appendix H-Campgrounds/Site

YES-Campfires are **approved** during Stage I NO-Campfire are **NOT approved** during Stage I Restrictions

Fergus County:

YES	NO	Campground/Site	Ownership	Legal/Latitude/Longitude
X		Kipp Recreation Area	BLM	47.6221N x 108.6735W
X		Crystal Lake Campground	USFS – HLF	46.7951N x 109.5099W
	X	East Fork Reservoir	City of Lewistown	46.9817N x 109.2812W
	X	Limekiln Trailhead	BLM	47.1356N x 109.3522W
	X	Collar Peak Trailhead	BLM	47.2085N x 109.2148W
	X	Woodhawk (Upper)	BLM	47.7571N x 108.9216W
	X	Woodhawk (Lower)	BLM	47.7412N x 108.949W
	X	McGarry Bar	BLM	47.7472N x 109.3587W

Stage II Restrictions:

The following acts are prohibited until further notice.

1. **Building, maintaining, attending, or using a 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. **Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.**
4. **The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.**
 - a. **Operating any internal combustion engine with the exception of a vehicle.**
 - b. **Welding or operating an 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 work as described in #4.

Exemptions for Stage II*:

1. Lewistown area exemption for farming and ranching, utilities, oil & gas operations, and open cut mining per specific conditions. Please contact coordinator for more information.
2. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
3. 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 or surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of device.
4. Operating generators with approved spark arrestors within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead or surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
7. All lands within a city boundary are exempted.
8. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

Additional Stage II Exemptions* Specific to the Lewistown Restrictions Area:

Operations for the following classes of activities and industries that require travel off designated roads or operating equipment powered by an internal combustion engine or other activities are allowed if the mitigation measures described below are met.

Classes of activities and Industries:

- a. Farming and ranching operations, including:
 - Agricultural harvest, planting and tilling
 - Care of livestock (feeding, tending, watering, or moving)
 - Routine fence and other maintenance
- b. Utilities, communication, and cable television operations, including:
 - Emergency repairs
 - Routine maintenance of distribution lines, transmission lines and right-of-way
- c. Oil and gas operations
 - Emergency repairs
 - Routine maintenance and operations
- d. Open cut mining (sand and gravel) and mine rehab operations
 - Emergency repairs
 - Routine Maintenance and operations

Operations that are not covered under an exemption listed above may be granted an individual exemption permit by the agency having jurisdiction on a case-by-case basis. All new construction outside of a developed area requires an individual exemption permit.

Required Mitigation Measures:

1. All vehicles operating under these exemptions must have.
 - Functional exhaust system and/or spark arrestor.
 - Fire extinguisher, minimum class 4BC rating and 2 ½ pounds.
 - At least four gallons of water available, with a minimum of a two-gallon container capable of being pressurized with a hand pump or one five-gallon backpack pump.
 - One firefighting tool per person (#0 shovel or Pulaski).
2. All equipment powered by an internal combustion engine must be equipped with a spark arrestor. A **one-hour foot** patrol in the work area is **required** following cessation of all work as described above.
3. All surface blasting, welding, and grinding will only occur between 1:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additional requirement includes:
 - A spark shield surrounding the entire area.
 - A **one-hour foot patrol** in the work area is **required** following cessation of all work described above.
4. For any work involving welding, blasting, or grinding or equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, the following firefighting equipment, at a minimum, must always be present on site.
 - At least four gallons of water available, with a minimum of a two-gallon container capable of being pressurized with a hand pump or one five-gallon backpack pump.
 - One firefighting tool per person (#0 shovel or Pulaski).

Recommended Mitigation Measures:

1. When practical, all activities covered under these exemptions should be limited to the hours between **1:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
2. For agricultural harvest, the following is always recommended to be at the work site:
 - **A truck or trailer with 100-gallon capacity water tank and 10 GPM pump with hose**
 - **A tractor with tillage equipment attached for emergency line construction,**

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

STANDARDIZED WORDING FOR SMALL-SCALE CLOSURE**The following acts are prohibited:**

Entering or occupying the following described areas without a written permit; except on permit shall be required of an actual resident going to or from their primary residence, or for persons traveling on paved and numbered highways or occupying designated improved campground immediately adjacent to such highways or for any Federal, State, or local official, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violations:

- You could be fined up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisoned 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.