

RESOLUTION 2024 – 77

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, this Resolution is issued in compliance with Section 7-33-2205 of the Montana Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Rural Fire Council has recommended Stage 1 Fire Restrictions to the Fire Warden; and

WHEREAS, high temperatures and low precipitation have caused dry fuel and poor soil moisture conditions resulting in a high wildland fire danger.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following acts are prohibited on private and public property in Lewis and Clark County effective July 30, 2024 upon approval and signature of the Board of County Commissioners:

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following is a list of exemptions:

- a. Campfires on private or public property only if they are within an improved fire ring or pit made of solid metal, stone, or cement and no larger than 48 inches across.
- b. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- c. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off.
- d. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- e. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- f. All land within a City boundary is exempted.
- g. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

Dated this 30 day of July, 2024.



ATTEST:
Amy Reeves
Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Andy Hunthausen
Andy Hunthausen, Chair

