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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on Bureau of Land Management Administered Lands in South Dakota

Conditions are right for wildland fires.

As a precaution, Stage 1 fire restrictions will go into effect in throughout South Dakota at 1 a.m. on Friday, July 27th.

Under Stage 1, fires are prohibited except within campfire rings in Alkali Creek Campground and Alkali Creek Horse Campground, and smoking is allowed only in areas cleared of flammable materials. Exemptions 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.

“With the rain this spring, there is a lot of grass and it doesn’t take much to get a fire started,” said Terry Chaplin, BLM Fuels Management Specialist. “People need to be aware of how dry it is and do whatever they can to avoid starting a fire.”

Please take extra caution when working and recreating outdoors to prevent wildland fire starts. Many of the primitive roads have tall vegetation that can easily ignite from vehicle exhaust or catalytic converters. **Anyone who causes a wildland fire intentionally or through negligence will be held accountable for damage and suppression costs.**

Even in areas not under Stage 1 restrictions, a permit is required for any open burning other than campfires. Additional restrictions may also exist in certain areas. Before



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Order No. MT-040-07-01
SPECIAL STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS
ORDER OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FIELD MANAGER, SETTING FORTH RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF USE IN THE
SOUTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2, the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the state of South Dakota.

These restrictions will become effective at 1:00 a.m., MDT, July 27th, 2007. They will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below

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: Only the following exemptions to the above prohibitions are allowed for this special order:

Campfires within campfire rings in Alkali Creek Campground and Alkali Creek Horse Campground
Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off.
Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice
Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty
All land within a city boundary is exempt, but may be subject to restrictions imposed by that city.

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

DEFINITIONS: The following definitions are cited for this special order:

Restriction: A limitation on activity or use.

Campfire: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

Permit: A written document issued by an authorized representative to specifically authorize and otherwise prohibited act.

Violation of this order is prohibited by the provisions of the regulations cited. Under 43 CFR 9212.4, any violation is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

Information regarding these fire restrictions may be obtained by calling the South Dakota Field Office at (605) 892-7000.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2007, at Belle Fourche, South Dakota

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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.

The smallest spark has the potential to cause significant damage, so always crush smokes dead out; never leave a campfire unattended; ensure that your vehicle has a properly installed spark arrester that is operational; stop and park only in areas clear of vegetation; and observe all fire restrictions. Take precautions, but always be prepared: carry a shovel, bucket and fire extinguisher. Also remember that cross country travel is not allowed on Bureau of Land Management administered lands.

For more information about fire prevention, please contact the Joint Information Center at 605-393-8055, Bureau of Land Management at 605-720-0745, or your local fire department or sheriff's office.

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