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## **Special Press Release**

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Wildland fire agencies in West-Central Montana have rescinded the Stage 1 fire restrictions, effective Saturday morning, August 23 at 12:01 a.m. This affects state and federal lands in Missoula and the surrounding areas.

Ravalli County's open burning restrictions (Resolution 3198) remain in place at this time. These restrictions apply in areas within Ravalli County and includes a prohibition of open burning, burning barrels, debris/slash burning, open fires, and the use of fireworks and other pyrotechnics. Additionally, campfires are allowed as long as they are attended until they are completely extinguished, and must be constructed in cleared or bare areas. Smoking is restricted to areas within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

The Ravalli County Fire Warden also reminds residents and visitors that, although we have received some precipitation and cooler weather recently, the ground and fuels are still very dry and has experienced fire starts from human/mechanical means.

Sheriff Chris Hoffman urges our citizens to err on the side of caution and safety during these extremely dry conditions.

Additional information on specific fire restrictions and areas can be found at <http://firerestrictions.us/> and the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.