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## Fire Danger **HIGH** in Missoula County

### Effective Immediately

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*Missoula, Montana* – Hot, dry conditions returned to Missoula County, prompting fire officials to raise fire danger in Missoula County to **HIGH**, effective immediately. When the fire danger is "high", fires can start easily from most causes and small fuels (such as grasses and needles) will ignite readily. Unattended campfires and brush fires are likely to escape. Fires will spread easily, with some areas of high-intensity burning on slopes or concentrated fuels. Fires can become serious and difficult to control unless they are put out while they are still small.

There are no fire restrictions in place within Missoula County. Outdoor debris burning by permit remains closed. Become aware of fire restrictions across Montana by visiting [www.MTFireInfo.org](http://www.MTFireInfo.org).

Smoke may continue to impact Missoula County over the coming days, with smoke coming from the Bitterroot Valley, as well as smoke coming from fires burning in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. For current air quality information and forecasts, visit [Fire Air Now](http://Fire Air Now).

"Please do your part to prevent a wildfire start. Do not park in dry grass; cross your trailer chains so they don't drag; mow early in the day and remove rocks from your mowing path; ensure chainsaws and other equipment have approved spark arrestors; and always, make sure that your campfire is attended and DEAD OUT when you leave it! Drown, stir, drown some more, then feel. If it is too hot to touch, then it is too hot to leave," requests DNRC Community Preparedness & Fire Prevention Specialist Kristin Mortenson.

For more information on fire prevention and preparedness information visit [www.MCFPA.org](http://www.MCFPA.org) or follow us on Facebook @MissoulaCountyFireProtectionAssociation.

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