

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8183

Emergency Proclamation—Stage II Fire Restrictions 2017

WHEREAS, dry conditions are occurring and predicted to continue for the foreseeable future in the City of Missoula and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires have occurred in Missoula County in recent weeks and are now occurring; and

WHEREAS, the wildland fire danger in Missoula County is now rated as 'Extreme'; and

WHEREAS, rapid fire growth and unpredictable fire weather conditions persist; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 2017 Restrictions and Closures Procedures for the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group, the city, county, state, and federal cooperators have imposed Stage II Fire Restrictions effective at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor John Engen that fire restrictions will be in place on all open space and conservation land located within the City Limits of Missoula, effective at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2017. The restrictions imposed by this Resolution include the following:

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire or 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. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.:
 - a. Operating any internal combustion engine.
 - b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
 - c. Using an explosive.

A patrol is required for two hours following cessation of all work as described above.

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

Exemptions:

1. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized in writing by the fire chief.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of July, 2017.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein

/s/ John Engen

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC
City Clerk

John Engen,
Mayor

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