

RESOLUTION  
BROADWATER COUNTY STAGE ONE FIRE RESRICTIONS  
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, high temperatures and low precipitation have caused dry fuel and poor soil moisture conditions, and low water supplies within Broadwater County resulting in a **HIGH** (and increasing) wildland fire danger; and

**WHEREAS**, the weather forecasts for Broadwater County indicate little relief from the hot and dry conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated §7-33-2212 the Broadwater County Board of County Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Broadwater County Commissioners that **STAGE ONE Fire Restrictions** are in effect for all private lands in Broadwater County, due to **HIGH** (and increasing) wildland fire danger; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, the following acts or uses are prohibited on all private lands in Broadwater County, Montana:

- a) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site, or improved site, unless noted in the exemptions below.
- b) 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:

1. Campfires on private property are exempt as long as they are within an improved fire ring and are no larger than three feet wide, three feet long, and three feet high.
2. Person using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels which can be turned on and off.
3. Persons with a written permit which specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

**AN EXEMPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution becomes effective at 0001 on Tuesday August 31, 2021 by the Board of County Commissioners, Broadwater County, Montana.

**Broadwater County Commission**

**Attest:**

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Mike Delger

Chair

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Darrel Folkvord

Commissioner

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Debi Randolph

Commissioner

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Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder