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## Interagency News Release

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### Fire Danger Rating Elevated to Very High - Partial Fire Restrictions in Effect

Teton interagency fire managers announce that partial fire restrictions will be in effect starting tomorrow, Tuesday, July 3. In addition, the fire danger rating has been elevated to Very High for both the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Grand Teton National Park. When determining fire danger ratings, fire officials use several indices such as: the moisture content of grasses, shrubs and trees; projected weather conditions (including temperatures and possible wind events); the ability of fire to spread after ignition; and available fire-fighting resources. A fire danger rating of Very High means that fires can start easily, spread quickly and burn intensely.

Partial fire restrictions will begin on Tuesday, July 3 and include:

- Lighting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, barbecue or grill is allowed **only** at designated recreation sites such as established campgrounds or picnic areas. Use of portable stoves and lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel, or use of a fully enclosed shepherd type stove with a spark arrester screen is permitted.
- Smoking is allowed **only** in an enclosed vehicle, building (unless otherwise prohibited), developed recreation site, or while in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials (i.e. parking lots, developed campsites, or locations surrounded by water).
- Operating a chainsaw in national parks is prohibited. Operating a chainsaw on national forests is permitted **only** when equipped with a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester that is properly installed and in effective working order. Operators must also carry a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
- Discharge of fireworks and use of explosives requiring blasting caps are prohibited.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or by imprisonment for more than six months.

Unattended or abandoned campfires can quickly escalate into wildfires, and it is extremely important that all campfires are completely extinguished and cold to the touch before campers leave their site. Visitors should **never** leave a fire unattended, and should prepare for the unexpected by having a water bucket and shovel on hand and ready to use.

As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, visitors and local residents alike are reminded that **fireworks are not permitted** in Grand Teton National Park, on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, or in Teton County. It is essential that everyone comply with this regulation, especially given the current fire danger rating and tinder-dry conditions.

To report a fire or smoke in either area, call 307.739.3630. For more fire information, please contact Bridger-Teton National Forest at 307.739.5500 or visit [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com).

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