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## **FIRE PREVENTION ORDER** Stage II Fire Restrictions **ORDER NUMBER LLMTC030-24-01**

Pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 9212.2 (a), (b)(1) the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management lands administered by the Dickinson Field Office. These lands are described as follows: All BLM lands lying within the North Dakota counties of Dunn, McKenzie, Williams, Golden Valley, Stark, and Bowman.

**Prohibited Acts:** Pursuant to Title 43, CFR § 9212.1 (h), unless permitted in writing by the authorized officer, it is prohibited on the above-described public lands to perform any act restricted by this fire prevention order including:

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 between 1:00 pm and 1:00 am:
  - Operating any internal combustion engine.
  - Welding, grinding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
  - Using an explosive.

A one-hour active foot patrol with appropriate fire tools, checking for and reporting fires, is required within and/or around the work site following cessation of all work as described above.

4. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun.
5. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails, as defined in approved agency travel plan.
6. Operating motorized vehicles on a non-surfaced (Two Track) BLM Road with a wheeled motor vehicle.
  - a. Two Track Definition: Parallel wheel depressions in the soil with no other recent visible maintenance work to maintain the road. (No grading, continuous aggregate surface, etc.)

**Exemptions:** Pursuant to Title 43, CFR § 9212.2 (b)(3), the following are exempted from this order:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. **Persons lawfully harvesting game or non-game species may discharge a firearm.**
3. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device.
4. Operating generators with approved spark arrestors within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of official duties.
8. 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.**

**Penalties:** Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order may be subject to prosecution under any applicable law or BLM regulation. A violation of this order may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984. If the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months or may be fined in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

**Effective Dates:** Pursuant to Title 43, CFR § 9212.2 (b)(2), this Fire Prevention Order will remain in effect from 12:01 a.m. local time on October 12, 2024, until rescinded by the authorized officer.

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