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## **MISSOULA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION ELEVATES FIRE DANGER TO EXTREME**

Continuing hot, dry weather has resulted in the further drying out of fuels in Missoula County's forests and meadows. In response to those conditions the Missoula County Fire Protection Association elevated the fire danger to EXTREME in all areas of the county today. This marks a move from VERY HIGH and is a measure of how dynamic Montana's fire conditions are during the summer. Although this move does not signal the imposition of any restrictions, residents are reminded that with the exception of campfires, all outdoor burning is prohibited. All open fires, including campfires, are prohibited year-round on city open space and conservation lands.

In EXTREME fire danger extra caution should be used while in wooded areas, a careless spark in these conditions can lead to a wildland fire start. Considering active fires burning in the Missoula County area, please use extra caution and watch for fire fighting vehicles in and along the road and river ways.

As we head into a busy holiday weekend, the Missoula County Fire Protection Association wants to extend its thanks to all Missoula County residents and visitors for their cooperation in making sure to use extra caution while recreating or working outdoors. All instances of wildland or structure fire should be reported immediately to 9-1-1.

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