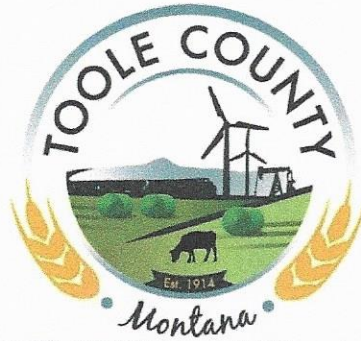


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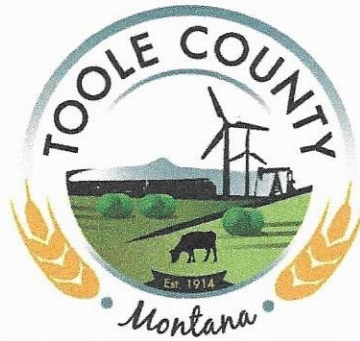
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On August 14, 2023, the Toole County Commissioners approved Resolution #17-2023, a resolution for Special Fire Restrictions - Stage I.

As of 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2023, the Toole County Commissioners are removing the Stage I restrictions.

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### **RESOLUTION #17-2023**

#### **A Resolution for Special Fire Restrictions - Stage I**

**WHEREAS:** Toole County is experiencing a period of high fire danger, and

**WHEREAS:** the Toole County Board of Commissioners have the authority to declare a local emergency pursuant to MCA 10-3-402 and take actions consistent with such declaration, and

**WHEREAS:** the Board of Toole County Commissioners are authorized by law including MCA 7-33-2205 and 7-33-2212, to restrict burning within the County, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** effective at 12:01 AM, August 15, 2023 Toole County will implement **Stage I** Fire Restrictions until further notice.

#### **STAGE I RESTRICTIONS**

The following shall be prohibited and followed until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site, or improved site. This includes trash burn barrels and trash pits, **NO TRASH FIRES.**
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area of

at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Exemptions to the above prohibitions only for the following:


- a) A federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized law enforcement rescue, or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- b) Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads.
- c) Due to the time and weather sensitiveness, agricultural harvesting and off-road activated associated with the agricultural operations. (e.i, maintaining livestock, etc). Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to keep harvesting equipment in good working order to prevent sparks, provide spark arrestors, and must carry firefighting tools with them while harvesting and tending to other agricultural operations off-road.
- d) Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned off and on.
- e) All land within a city boundary is exempted.

None of the above exemptions shall absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire ignited by the exempted activity.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2023

  
Mary Ann Harwood, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Treva Nelson  
Clerk & Recorder

