BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

FOREST ORDER

STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) Lands located within the proclaimed boundary of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, within the State of Montana. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire anywhere on NFS Lands; 36CFR § 261.52(a).
- 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 and cleared of all flammable material; 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this restriction:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety. Liquid petroleum and LPG stoves that can be turned on and off are allowed. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
- 4. Firewood cutting restrictions are not in place at this time. Firewood cutters are reminded to comply with the fire precaution terms and conditions of their permit.
- 5. Campers, hunters and outfitters are allowed to use approved sheepherder wood stoves within cabins and/or wall tents. Approved stoves must be operated only in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the stove. Stoves must be fully enclosed wood burning stoves equipped with a spark arresting screen of ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth.

AREA DESCRIBED:

National Forest System Lands located within the proclaimed boundary of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (Exhibit A).

PURPOSE:

To reduce fire risk, prevent human caused wildfires, protect property, and protect public health and safety during periods of high or extreme fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This order will go into effect promptly at 12:01 AM (00:01), Mountain Daylight Time on Saturday, September 02, 2017 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded, until 12:01 AM on December 31, 2017.

Done at Dillon, Montana this 29th day of August, 2017

MÉLANY GLOSSA Forest Supervisor

PENALTY:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

NOTIFICATION:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

