

Fire Managers have Rescinded Fire Restrictions on the Flathead Indian Reservation

Fire Danger: Moderate

Ronan, MT – 1200 pm. Effective immediately fire managers across the Flathead Indian Reservation have rescinded Stage I Fire Restrictions. Widespread precipitation has lowered the fire danger to Moderate and has provided much needed relief for firefighters across western Montana. While fire danger has lessened, fire season in the Northern Rockies is not over.

Debris burning is closed until October 1, 2026. By then weather conditions will provide more security against the chance of burning debris piles escaping. Typically, the end of September marks the end of fire season, and when open burning is traditionally opened.

With restrictions lifted, please keep the following in mind:

- Never leave a fire unattended until it is cold to the touch
- When debris burning opens, make sure to keep plenty of water and sufficient personnel, tools, and equipment ready in case of unexpected changes in fire behavior.
- Light the fire only when you have an update on safe weather and safe burning conditions. (e.g. winds calm, weather cool)
- When possible, make plans to re-pile debris as material is consumed. This will allow the fire to burn out as quickly as possible.
- Stay with your fire. Be prepared to put your fire out if it becomes difficult to manage.