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9212 (MTB010)

**FIRE PREVENTION ORDER**  
**Emergency Area Closure Due to Wildfire Activity**  
**ORDER NUMBER MT-010-17-04-WC**

Due to the immediate threat of fire activity from the Rice Ridge Fire and emergency health and safety reasons, and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 9212.2 (a), (b) (1), the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management lands administered by the Missoula Field Office.

**All BLM lands lying within the following area:**

T16N R14W N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW of section 4 and the SWNW of section 10

These lands cover two parcels which are east of Seeley Lake near Cottonwood Lakes.

Under Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 9212, Section 9212.1 Prohibited acts: Unless permitted in writing by the authorized officer, the following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Going into or being upon any lands designated in the closure order.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 (b) (3), those persons exempted from this order include the following:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. 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.**

**43 CFR 9212.4 Penalties**

Any person who violates any of these supplementary rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1-7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.

This order will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on September 1, 2017 until rescinded.  
Done at the Missoula Field Office this 31th day of August, 2017.

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