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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER, ORDER NUMBER MT-070-17-01-HD TEMPORARY SHOOTING RESTRICTIONS, NORTH HILLS AREA

AGENCY: Butte, Montana Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Fire Prevention Order temporarily restricting shooting in the North Hills Area near Helena, Montana.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a Fire Prevention Order temporary restricting shooting is now in effect on public lands managed by the BLM in the area known as the North Hills, which is located approximately 10 miles north of Helena.

DATES: This Fire Prevention Order will be in effect from July 8, 2017 until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Fire Prevention Order affects public lands within BLM's North Hills area. The legal description of the affected public lands is: Township 12 North, Range 2 West, Sections 19 & 30 and Township 12 North, Range 3 West, Sections 13, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, & 35 (see associated map).

This Fire Prevention Order is necessary for fire prevention because of current high fire danger levels in the area. The BLM will post the Order on signs at main entry points to this area. A copy of the Prevention Order and a map of the affected area will be available at the BLM Butte Field Office (see contact information above).

Under the authority of Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 9212.2 (a), (b) (1), the following acts are temporarily prohibited on BLM administered lands in the North Hills Area:

Firing and/or discharging any firearm.

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. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
3. Any federal, state or local officer or employee in the performance of their official duties, including members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

NOTE: 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 knowingly and willfully violates this Fire Prevention Order may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

This fire prevention order will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on July 8, 2017 until rescinded.

Done at the Butte Field Office this 7th day of July, 2017.

Scott Haight
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BLM – Butte Field Office