

CITY OF LIBBY

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING # 1583

AUGUST 30, 2021 @ 6:15 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Welcome

NEW BUSINESS: Each new agenda item will be introduced by the mayor (or assigned liaison) with a description of the item and explanation for the recommended action. Following council discussion on each item will be an opportunity for public comment (prior to any action taken). Public comment is limited to agenda item being discussed is limited to 3 minutes.

1. Adopt Resolution No. 1988 Rescinding Resolution No. 1986 - Declaring Stage II Fire Restrictions. This Special Meeting will rescind the city's elevated fire restrictions prior to the Labor Day holiday.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

ADJOURNMENT:

The manner of Addressing Council:

Each person, not a Council member shall address the Council, at the time designated in the agenda or as directed by the Council, by stepping to the podium or microphone, giving that person's name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record, unless further time is granted by the Council, shall limit the address to the Council to three minutes.

All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member of the Council or Staff. No person all remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member of the Council or Staff.

No person, other than the Council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter any discussion either directly or through a member of the Council, without the permission of the Presiding Office Any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous or disruptive during the council meeting shall be forthwith barred from further presentation to the council by the presiding officer unless permission to continue by granted by a majority vote of the council.

ATTENTION:

To access this meeting electronically with ZOOM,

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Posted: 8/26/2021

RESOLUTION NO. 1988

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LIBBY, MONTANA, RESCINDING STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS.

WHEREAS, Lincoln County, Montana, is no longer experiencing a period of extreme fire danger, and

WHEREAS, the Libby City Council adopted Resolution No. 1986, Declaring Stage II Fire Restrictions on 19 July 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Managers within Northwest Montana Region, as well as the City of Libby Fire Marshal, collectively agreed that Stage II Fire Restrictions should be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBBY, MONTANA:

That the City of Libby hereby rescinds Resolution No. 1986, Declaring Stage II Fire Restrictions, effective Monday, August 30th at 2400 hours.

Passed by the City Council and approved on this 30th day of August 2021.

Peggy Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Samuel Sikes, Clerk/Treasurer



NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATION GROUP NORTHWEST MONTANA AREA

FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED ACROSS NW MONTANA



Flathead National Forest
Kootenai National Forest



Glacier National Park



Lost Trail NWR
Swan River NWR



Region 1



Northwestern Land Office



County Fire Wardens



Flathead County



Lincoln County



Lake County



Sanders County

Kalispell, MT, August 24, 2021 – Interagency fire managers across northwest Montana are rescinding Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. Recent rain and cooler temperatures have brought needed moisture to forest vegetation and lowered the fire danger across Northwest Montana. Fire managers remind the public that debris burning remains is still closed and does not open until October 1st, 2021.

As the weather continues to cool and we move into the fall, camping and outdoor recreation remain popular activities. Be prepared and have the proper tools to extinguish a campfire before you light it. Bring a bucket, water, and shovel to drown and stir the campfire until it is deade completely out. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!:

The following jurisdictions are rescinding fire restrictions on Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 at 12:01AM.

- **Flathead National Forest** lands including the Great Bear and Bob Marshall Wilderness, in Flathead, Lake, Missoula, Lewis and Clark, and Powell Counties, Montana.
- **Kootenai National Forest** lands in Flathead, Lincoln, and Sanders Counties in Montana and Kootenai National Forest lands in Bonner and Boundary Counties in Idaho.
- **Glacier National Park**
- **Lost Trail and Swan River National Wildlife Refuge** lands.
- **Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**, Kalispell, Libby, Plains, Stillwater, and Swan Units. State Land and Private Classified Forested Land within Flathead, Lake, Lincoln and Sanders.
- **Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks**, Region 1 within Flathead, Lake, Sanders, and Lincoln Counties.
- **Flathead, Lake, and Lincoln Counties**
- **F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company** lands will open to public use.
- **Flathead Ridge Ranch** lands will open to public use. Campfires are prohibited.

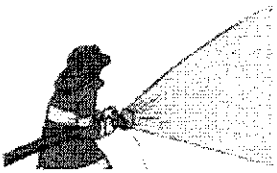
The following jurisdictions are rescinding fire restrictions on Thursday, August 26th, 2021 at 12:01AM.

- **Sanders County**

The following jurisdictions are rescinding fire restrictions on Friday, August 27th, 2021 at 12:01AM

- **Stimson Private Timber Company** lands will open to public use. Campfires are prohibited.
- **Green Diamond Resource Company** lands in Lincoln, Sanders, and Flathead Counties will open to public use. Campfires are prohibited.
- **SPP Montana** timberlands in Lincoln, Sanders, and Flathead Counties will open to public use. Campfires are prohibited.

Know Before You Go! Keep wildfire prevention in mind when visiting your public lands. For information on Fire Restrictions please visit www.MTFireInfo.org.



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August 23, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council

Re: Request to rescind fire restrictions

August 23, 2021

I would like to recommend that the Fire restrictions that were enacted by resolution for the City of Libby be removed as of Midnight Tuesday night August 24th, or as early as possible thereafter. This restriction change will follow the guidelines of both the Federal and State lands order.

Sincerely,

Steve Lauer

Date:

8/23/2021

Fire Marshal/Fire Chief
Libby Fire Department