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## **Fire Danger Moved to “Very High”**

**July 28, 2014, 9:00 am, Missoula, Montana** – This morning based on current and expected weather conditions, fire officials with the Missoula County Fire Protection Association (MCFPA) agreed to move the fire danger in Missoula County to Very High starting tomorrow July 29th.

Despite the rain last week, conditions in the area are still hot and dry with little relief forecast this week. Recent lightning caused wildfires have proved that a brief downpour will not always drown a holdover lightning strike. We would like to urge the public to be extremely cautious while recreating. We want people to be very careful with fire, be sure their campfire is dead out and cold to the touch, and be careful if operating equipment in the woods.

Currently, there are no restrictions for Missoula County, although open burning is prohibited. All burn permits issued in Missoula County are now invalid.

In Montana, weather conditions can change dramatically in a short period of time. The MCFPA would like to thank the residents of Missoula County for being cautious while outdoors and appreciate your cooperation. For more information on fire and burning, go to the web, at: [www.mcfpa.org](http://www.mcfpa.org).

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