

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 17-34

1 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT EMERGENCY FIRE CONDITIONS EXIST
2 WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, MONTANA (CITY
3 COUNTY); ESTABLISHING SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS - STAGE I AS
4 ADOPTED BY THE DILLON AREA RESTRICTIONS AND CLOSURE GROUP, OF WHICH
5 BUTTE-SILVER BOW IS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER, THROUGHOUT THE CITY
6 AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, MONTANA; AUTHORIZING THE DILLON
7 AREA RESTRICTIONS AND CLOSURE GROUP TO UPGRADE THE SPECIAL FIRE
8 RESTRICTIONS TO STAGE II AND OR IMPLEMENT LOCAL/SMALL SCALE
9 CLOSURES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN.

10 WHEREAS, a fire restriction and closure plan, which is a
11 localized action plan tiered to the Northern
12 Rockies Coordinating Group Restriction and Closure
13 Procedures dated June 1, 2001, updated May 2007,
14 has been adopted by the State of Montana and the
15 City-County of Butte-Silver Bow has been included
16 in the Dillon Area Restrictions and Closure Group;
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18 WHEREAS, the Dillon Area Restrictions and Closure Group
19 Plan identifies the coordination and
20 decision-making process to implement fire
21 restrictions and closures in the Dillon Area
22 Restrictions and Closure Group
23 and;

1 WHEREAS, by their nature, fire restrictions and closures
2 impose limitations on the general public and
3 private sectors. They should be implemented only
4 after most other prevention measures have been
5 taken. These measures include, but are not
6 limited to: increasing the number of prevention
7 signs, public contacts, media campaigns. Fire
8 restrictions should be considered when high to
9 extreme fire danger exists and is predicted to
10 persist; and

11 WHEREAS, small and large-scale forest closures have a
12 large negative impact on the public, forest
13 landowners, industrial operators and fire agencies.
14 They should be implemented only under the most
15 severe conditions. Closures are usually implemented
16 only in situations where firefighters and the
17 public's safety can no longer be adequately
18 safeguarded; and

19 WHEREAS, due to extremely dry conditions, the fire danger in
20 the City and County of Butte-Silver Bow, Montana
21 (City-County) is in the very high category; and

22 WHEREAS, the weather forecasts for the City-County indicate
23 no relief from the extremely dry conditions and;

24 WHEREAS, fire occurrences in Southwestern Montana over the

1 past few days have been sufficiently numerous and
2 the City-County's Director of Fire Services has
3 recommended issuance of Stage I Restrictions for
4 all of the City-County and;

5 WHEREAS, Stage I Fire Restrictions apply to campfires and
6 smoking. Specifically, at Stage I, campfires and
7 use of charcoal briquettes will only be allowed in
8 developed recreation sites or campgrounds, and only
9 in the meadow or concrete fire rings provided at
10 the site. Fires within rock fire rings are not
11 permitted. The public can continue to use gas
12 stoves fueled by liquid fuel or LPG fuels outside
13 of developed recreation sites during Stage I
14 restrictions. In addition to the campfire
15 restrictions, smoking is prohibited except within
16 vehicles, developed recreation sites or while
17 stopped in an area that is barren or cleared of
18 all flammable materials for at least three feet in
19 diameter.

20 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF
21 THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, STATE OF MONTANA:

22 SECTION 1: That Special Fire Restrictions - Stage I
23 are hereby established for all areas within the
24 City and County of Butte-Silver Bow, Montana (City-

1 County) .

2 SECTION 2: That an emergency fire condition is hereby found to
3 exist within the City-County because of the
4 extremely dry conditions which require the adoption
5 of these Special Fire Restrictions.

6 SECTION 3: That these restrictions become effective as of
7 12:01 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Thursday,
8 August 3, 2017 and will remain in effect until
9 upgraded, rescinded or revoked.

10 SECTION 4: That the Director of Fire Services is hereby
11 authorized to upgrade the Special Fire Restrictions
12 to Stages II when and if Stage II restrictions
13 become necessary.

14 SECTION 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and
15 effect from and after its passage and approval.

16 PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

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19 JOHN MORGAN
20 CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

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22 APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

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25 DAVE PALMER
26 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1 ATTEST:

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3 SALLY J. HOLLIS
4 CLERK AND RECORDER

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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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EILEEN JOYCE

16 COUNTY ATTORNEY

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SHERYL RALPH

22 CHAIRMAN, JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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