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## Closure of outdoor debris burning in Ravalli County

The Ravalli County Commissioners this morning passed Resolution No. 4536, closing outdoor debris burning and suspending the issuing of Burn Permits, until further notice. Local fire managers met with the Commission this morning to provide updates on the current and forecast fire danger conditions, and recommended this closure. While the burn ban is in effect, the Burn Permit System will be shut down and will not allow activations of burn permits.

Recreational and cooking fires up to 48 inches are allowed at this time, as long as the fire is fully attended and completely extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving the area of the fire.

Local fire managers are asking for our Community's support in preventing human caused fires. Please keep in mind the following fire prevention tips:

- Avoid driving or parking vehicles in tall, dry grass. Exhaust systems and catalytic converters easily start fires.
- Ensure safety chains on trailers or other equipment do not drag, causing sparks.
- Dispose of smoking materials properly. In a vehicle, use the ashtray; outside, crush smoking materials and matches dead out on bare ground larger than 3 feet in diameter.
- Make sure all mechanical outdoor equipment (tractors, chainsaws, off-road vehicles, etc.) are equipped with properly-working mufflers, spark arresters, and bearings.

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