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*Hard to believe we are talking about burn season with all this snow ... but March 1<sup>st</sup> is almost here!*

### **“Bitterroot Valley Residents & Forest Service Prescribed Burn Season to Begin”**

Hamilton, Montana, February 28, 2014. — March 1st marks the first day of open burning for Bitterroot Valley residents as well as for local Forest Service fire managers who will be looking into the future for favorable weather and fuel conditions to conduct prescribed burning around the Bitterroot National Forest.

As a reminder to Valley residents, from March 1st – April 30<sup>th</sup> no burn permits are required (highly recommended), BUT prior to burning you should call the non emergency Ravalli County Sheriff number (if you live in Ravalli County) to report your burning activities at 363-3033. It is also recommended that you call the Air Quality Hotline at 1-800-225-6779 prior to burning.

From May 1st – September 30<sup>th</sup>, burn permits are required for landowners with property within close proximity to National Forest lands. Open burning may be further restricted during HIGH fire danger.

October 1 – November 30<sup>th</sup> open burning resumes, no burn permits required.

If you have questions about prescribed burns by the Bitterroot National Forest, please contact your local ranger stations for more specific information or to be included on their burn notification lists.

West Fork Ranger Station (406) 821-3269

Sula Ranger Station (406) 821-3201

Darby Ranger Station (406) 821-3913  
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Stevensville Ranger Station (406) 777-

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