

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NO FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND**

There are no fire restrictions in place on the Ashley National Forest for the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, but fireworks are not allowed. Because of weather conditions that have produced scattered precipitation, fire officials on the Ashley have not found it necessary to implement fire restrictions.

Fire Management Officer Ivan Erskine states, "Because we have experienced wet thunder storms the live fuels are lush and green, but individuals should be very cautious with fire. In extremely windy conditions you should be especially careful."

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Some basic rules for having a safe outing are to:

1. Always clear flammable vegetation and debris 5 feet away from the fire ring.
2. Always have a full bucket of water close to the campfire.
3. Always have a shovel on hand and available.
4. Always put the campfire out when you retire for the night or leave the camp.
5. Always drown the fire, stir the ashes, drown and stir again until it is completely out.
6. Never leave a campfire unattended and always have an adult present.
7. Be extremely careful with fire in windy conditions.

For more information you can contact the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's office at 355 North Vernal Avenue or call at (435) 789-1181.

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