

RESOLUTION 26 - 2026

**A RESOLUTION TERMINATING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS
IN FERGUS COUNTY, MONTANA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated (MCA) § 7-33-2212 and § 7-5-2101, the Board of County Commissioners of Fergus County possesses the authority to declare and lift fire restrictions and enact emergency measures for the protection of public safety, property, and natural resources within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners previously enacted **Resolution No. 22 – Fergus County Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**, implemented on August 29th, 2026, due to prolonged high temperatures, dry fuel conditions, and high wildland fire danger; and

WHEREAS, recent seasonal weather patterns, including increased precipitation, lower temperatures, and a corresponding improvement in fuel moisture levels across Central Montana, have significantly reduced the immediate threat of wildland fires; and

WHEREAS, local fire wardens, rural fire chiefs, and the Fergus County Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Coordinator have evaluated current fuel and weather conditions and recommend the removal of fire restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Fergus County hereby terminates Stage 1 Fire Restrictions throughout all state, private, and unincorporated lands within Fergus County, effective at **12:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 17th, 2026**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while mandatory restrictions are lifted, the Board of County Commissioners and the Fergus County DES Office strongly encourage residents and visitors to continue exercising extreme caution with outdoor burning, ensure all campfires are completely extinguished, and comply with local burn permit requirements.

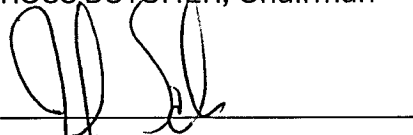
PASSED AND APPROVED by the **Board of County Commissioners of Fergus County, Montana** on this 16 day of September 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERGUS COUNTY, MONTANA

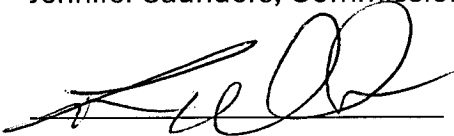
ATTEST:



ROSS BUTCHER, Chairman



Jennifer Saunders, Commissioner



Travis Willson, Commissioner



JANEL TUCEK, Clerk and Recorder