



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
DAKOTA PRAIRIE GRASSLANDS  
EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER  
FIRE AND SHOOTING  
RESTRICTIONS**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands within the Little Missouri National Grassland, Grand River and Cedar River National Grasslands, Denbigh Experimental Forest and Souris Purchase Unit as shown on the attached maps. (Attachments A-D)

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. [36 CFR 261.52(a)].
2. Smoking. [36 CFR 261.52(c)].
3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun [36 CFR 261.58(m)].

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources, and facilities during the current period of severe fire danger.

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this order.
2. Persons smoking within an enclosed vehicle or building or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. Persons lawfully harvesting game or non-game species.

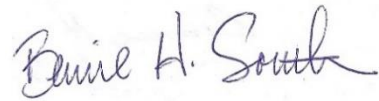
**AREA DESCRIBED**

All National Forest System Lands within Billings, Golden Valley, Grant, McHenry, McKenzie, Sioux, and Slope Counties, North Dakota and Corson, Perkins, and Ziebach Counties, South Dakota.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective on October 1, 2021 and will remain in effect until October 31, 2021 or until rescinded. This order supersedes and terminates Order# 01-18-00-21-04.
2. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,500 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

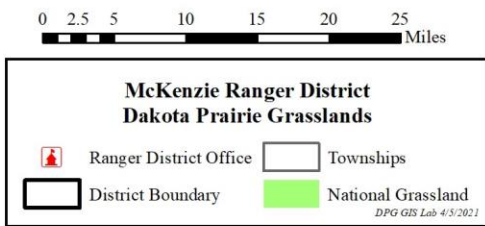
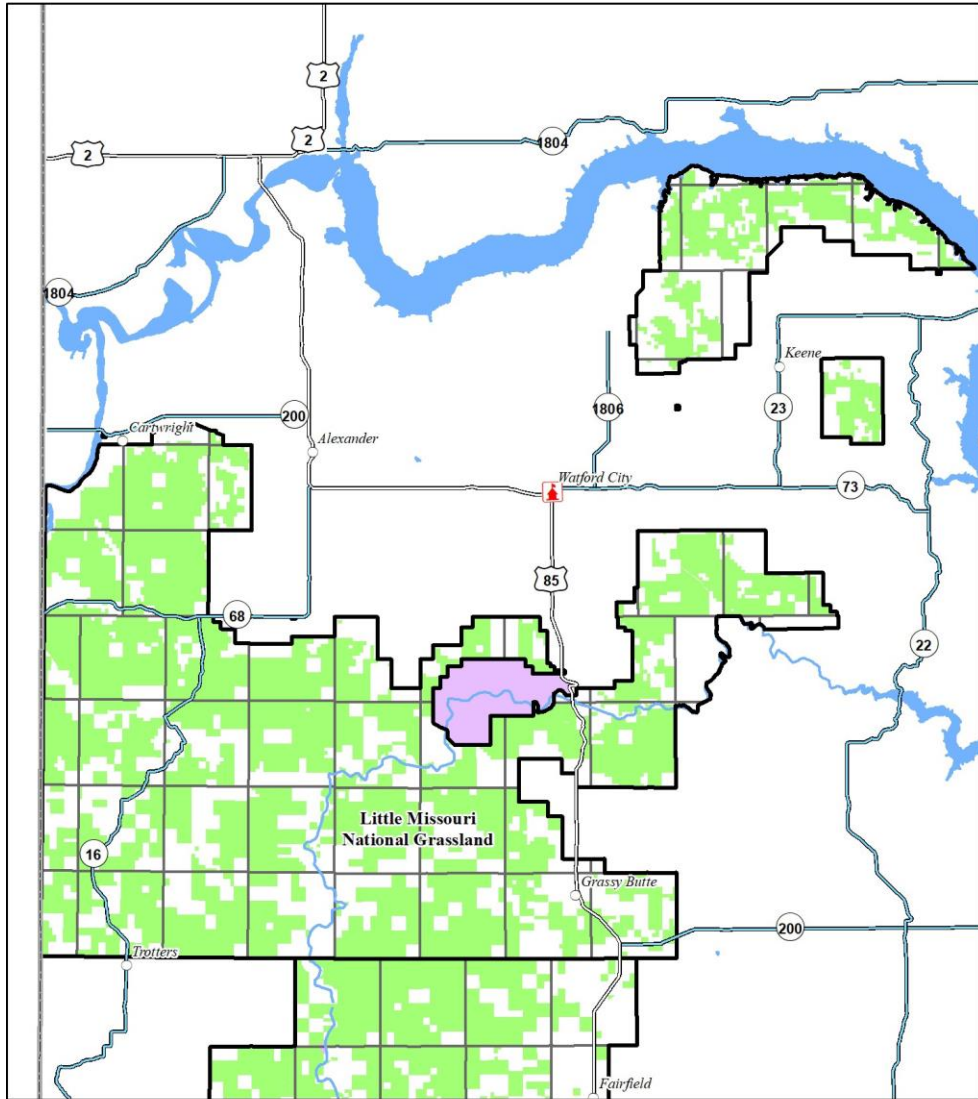
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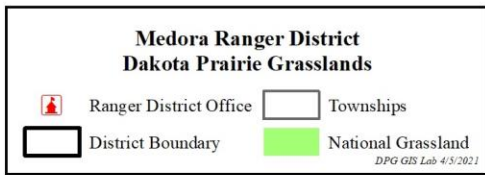
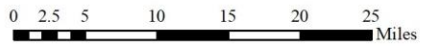
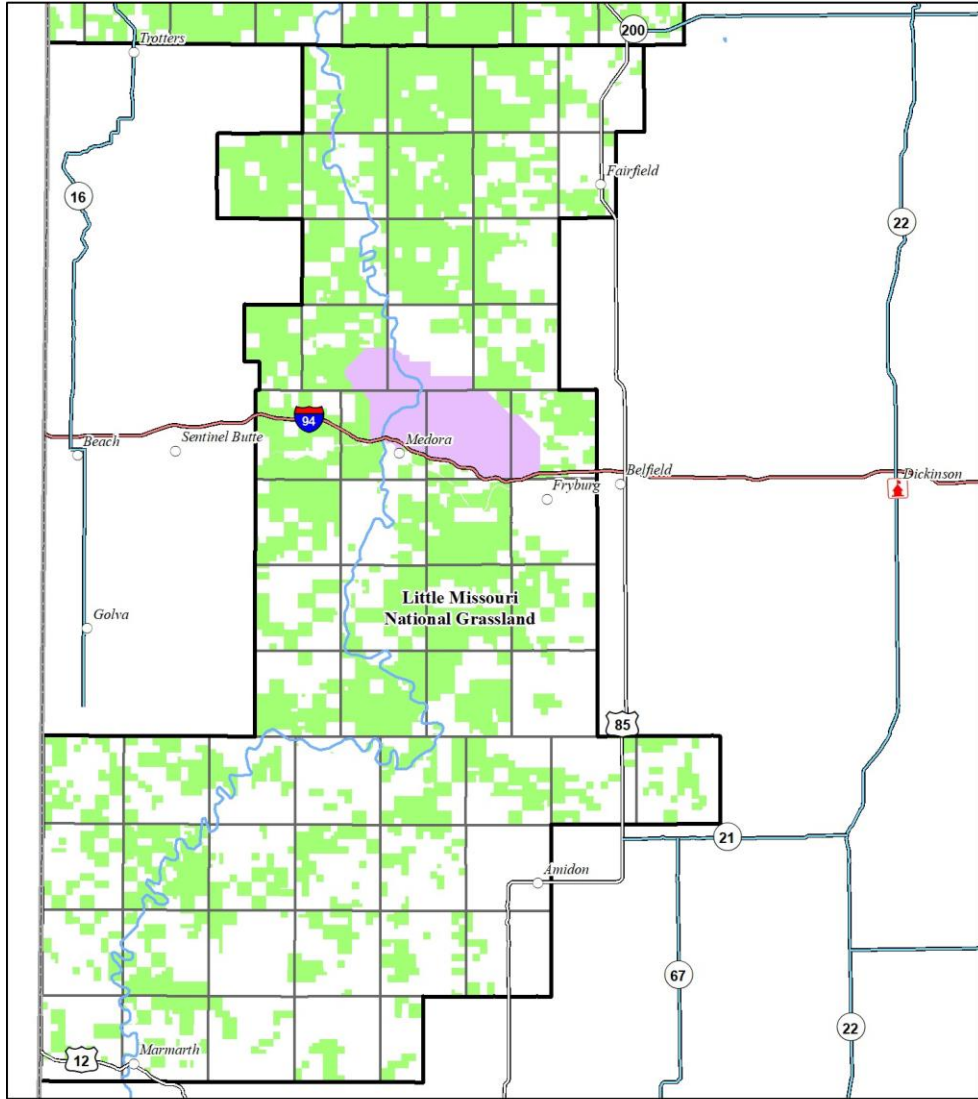
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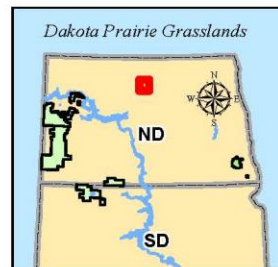
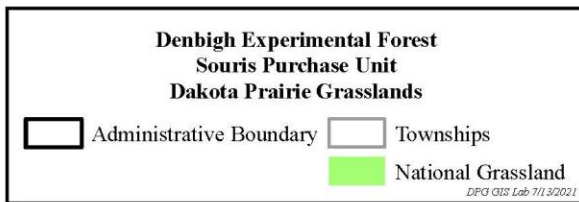
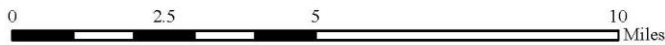
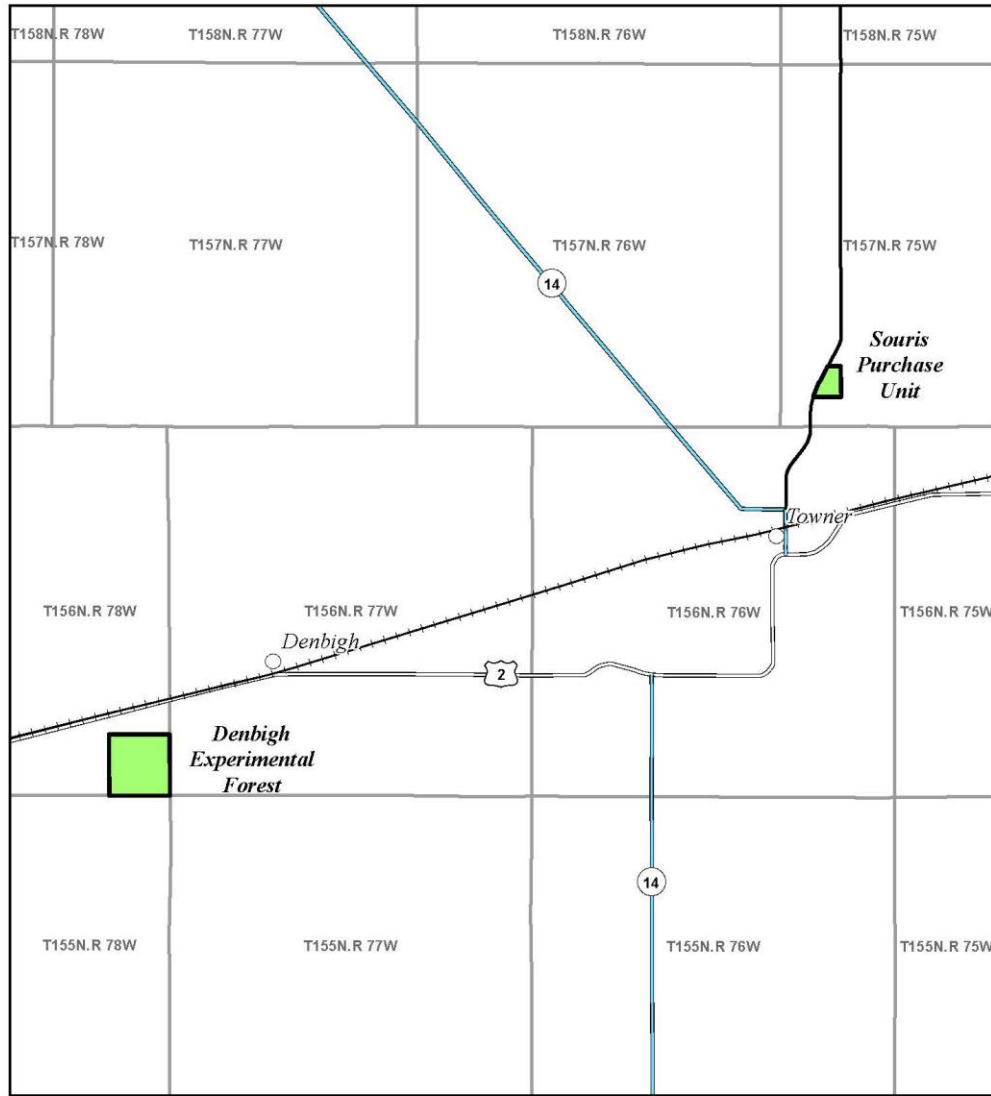
ATTACHMENT A – MCKENZIE RANGER DISTRICT



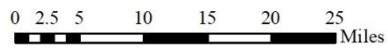
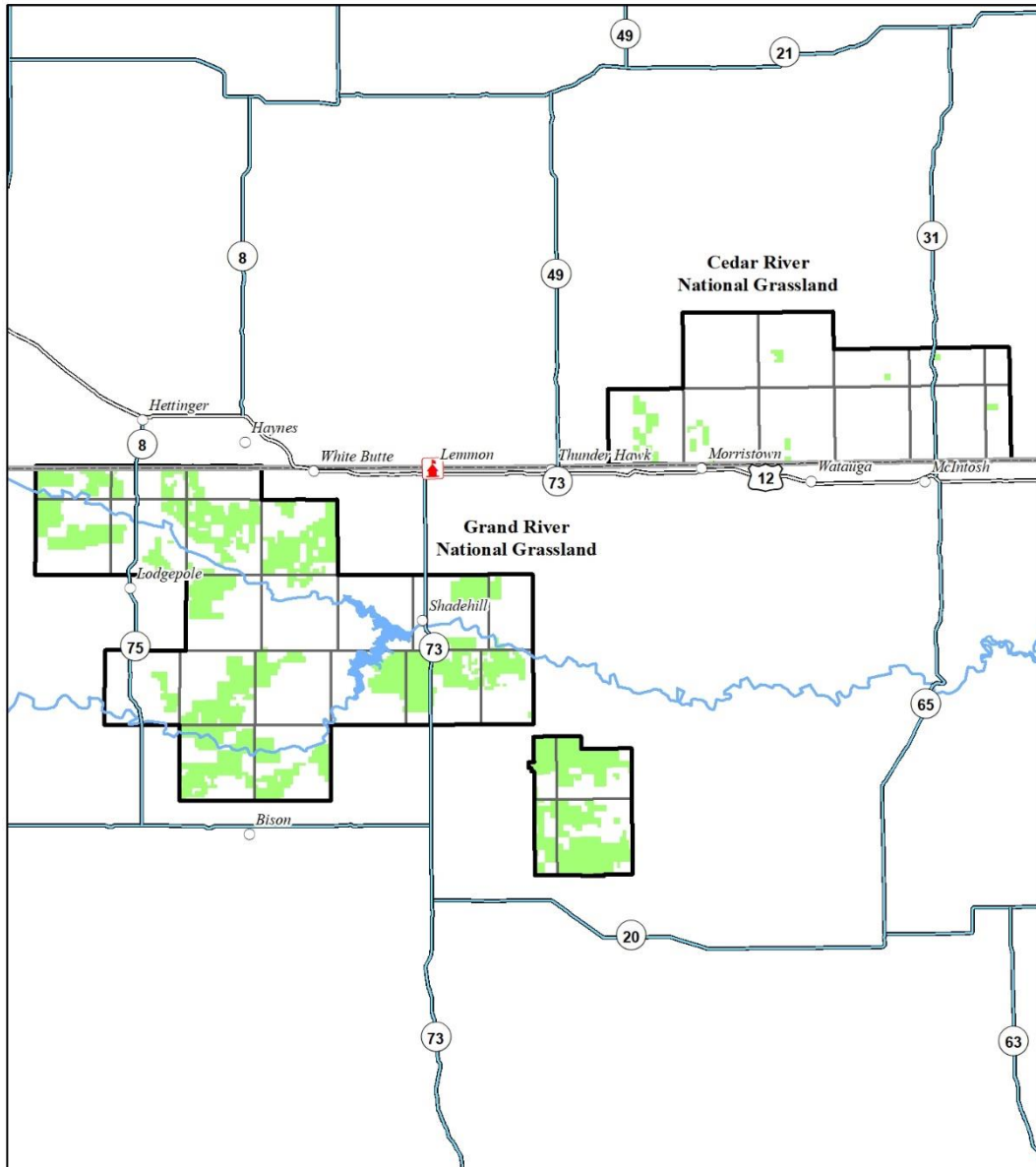
ATTACHMENT B – MEDORA RANGER DISTRICT



ATTACHMENT C – DENBIGH EXPERIMENTAL FOREST AND SOURIS PURCHASE UNIT



ATTACHMENT D



**Grand River Ranger District  
Dakota Prairie Grassland**

Ranger District Office	Townships
District Boundary	National Grassland

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