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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department wants to remind residents and visitors alike that law enforcement officials will be enforcing laws and ordinances regarding the possession and use of fireworks this holiday season.

Everyone is reminded that fireworks that must be purchased on Tribal lands can only be used on Tribal lands. These fireworks are classified as "dangerous fireworks" and mere possession away from Tribal lands is a misdemeanor offense.

NO FIREWORKS, regardless of their classification, are allowed on National Forest Lands. Only with a permit are any fireworks allowed in any County Park or Boating facility. Violations are misdemeanors.

Let's all work to reduce fires and keep the holiday safe!

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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