



BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE

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FIRE CLOSURE TO BE IN EFFECT ON ALL BLM-ADMINISTERED LAND IN HARNEY COUNTY

HINES, Oregon – The regulated fire closure currently in effect on the east side of Steens Mountain will extend to include all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2007. The regulated fire closure prohibits the following:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire, *except at Chickahominy, Page Springs, Jackman Park, Fish Lake, and South Steens Campgrounds*. Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites, stoves and heaters must be used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or clear of all flammable material.
2. Smoking outside of a vehicle, trailer or building, except within areas barren of all flammable materials for at least a 3-foot diameter, or on boats on rivers and lakes.
3. Operating any type of motorized vehicle without a shovel and a container with at least 1-gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5-pound fire extinguisher.
4. Operating any type of motorized vehicle off existing roadways or parking vehicles on roadways not clear of all flammable materials. *Vehicles must be parked on developed roadways, which are those areas clear of flammable debris, berm to berm.*

A map of the closure area is available at the Burns District BLM Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West in Hines.

The fire closure is necessary due to the continuation of hot, dry summer weather, and rapidly depleting fuel moisture. Visitors should use extreme caution when visiting public lands this time of year and remember ignition of fireworks on all public land within the Burns District is prohibited.

Fire danger is currently rated VERY HIGH and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is a Level 2. The regulated fire closure for all BLM-administered land within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone will remain in effect until further notice.

For more information, contact the Burns Interagency Communication Center at (541) 573-4545. **To report a wildfire, call (541) 573-1000.**

