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Fireworks Banned on Coos Bay Area BLM Lands

COOS BAY, Ore. – With 4th of July celebrations quickly approaching, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wants to remind local visitors that the use of fireworks is prohibited on public lands. Bastendorff Beach and the North Spit are two local areas, popular with firework users, which are included in this ban.

The ban is put in place to reduce the risk of an exploding firework igniting a wildfire. “Fire season started early this year, and we expect the warm and dry weather we’ve seen recently to continue,” said Mike Pope, Assistant Fire Management Office for the BLM’s Coos Bay District.” We need people’s help to lessen the chance a fire will start and keep the local beaches beautiful.”

Those who ignite fireworks on BLM-managed lands can be fined up to $1,000, receive a prison term up to one year, or both. In addition, individuals responsible for starting a wildland fire on federal lands can be billed for the cost of fire suppression.

For additional information, please contact the BLM’s Coos Bay District Office at (541) 756-0100.

About BLM

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated $4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than $112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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