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## **FIRE SAFETY STILL ENCOURAGED DESPITE FIRE RESTRICTIONS BEING LIFTED**

**Lakeview, Ore.** – Effective at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, Public Use Restrictions (PURs) will be rescinded from all lands managed by the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fremont-Winema National Forests. However, the public is reminded to be mindful of fire safety.

“With shorter days and cooler temperatures, the risk of wildfire has decreased,” said John Giller, Interagency Fire Management Officer for the Lakeview BLM and Fremont-Winema National Forests. “However, the vegetation is still very dry. We expect everyone to use extreme caution when working or recreating on public lands.”

The only Lakeview District BLM-managed lands not covered by this order are those within the Klamath Falls Resource Area that are west of the Langell Valley. This area is under the fire protection of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Information regarding restrictions that apply to ODF protected lands may be obtained by calling (541) 883-5681 or visiting the following Web site:

**<http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/precautionlevel.shtml>**

The removal of PURs allows for the following activities on Lakeview BLM and Fremont-Winema National Forests lands:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using campfires or stove fires (including the use of charcoal briquettes);
- Operating motorized vehicles (this includes all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, cars, pickups, etc.) on or off-road, except in areas that are posted as closed;
- Parking motorized vehicles off roadways; and
- Operating welding equipment (including acetylene and open flame torches), power saws, generators and other internal combustion engines.

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Although PURs are presently lifted, the Lakeview BLM and Fremont-Winema National Forests would like to remind everyone to continue to practice good fire safety:

- Do not leave campfires unattended.
- Be sure to completely put out campfires, leaving the site cold to the touch.
- Ensure cigarettes, cigars and tobacco pipes are fully extinguished when not in use.
- Use caution when operating vehicles in close proximity to vegetation.

For more information concerning current fire conditions and restrictions, please contact your local BLM, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Park Service or Oregon Department of Forestry office.

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