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INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL ON THE RISE

HINES, Ore. – On Tuesday, July 10, the Burns Interagency Fire Zone moves from an Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) one to a level two, partial hoot owl.

IFPL two limits to only those hours between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time, the operation of power saws (except at loading sites), cable yarding, blasting, and welding or cutting of metal. All power saw operators must stay in the cutting area for one hour after the chainsaw is shut off to watch for fire starts. The IFPL change affects all public land within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone, including the Emigrant Creek Ranger District portion of the Malheur National Forest.

Fuel and weather conditions in Harney County are changing quickly. Use extreme caution when outdoors and recreating on public land this time of year.

Fire danger is currently rated MODERATE and a regulated fire closure on the east side of Steens Mountain is in effect. For more information on the IFPL, public use restrictions or regulated fire closures, call the Burns Interagency Communication Center at (541) 573-4545.

To report a wildfire, call (541) 573-1000.

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