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East Steens Mountain fire restriction to be in effect

HINES, Ore. – A regulated fire restriction on the east side of Steens Mountain, including the Pueblo Mountains, Alvord Desert, and a portion of the Trout Creek Mountains, will be in effect beginning July 1, 2016. The regulated fire restriction prohibits the following acts on federal land:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire. (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 with a blade at least 8 inches wide and a container with at least 1-gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5-pound fire extinguisher.
4. 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.

Land affected by the restriction is within the following boundary: from Hwy 78 and East Steens Road, southwest along the crest of Pueblo Mountains to the Oregon/Nevada border, and along the Burns District boundary east and north until it reaches the East Steens Road at Hwy 78. A map of the restriction area is available at the Burns District Bureau of Land Management office, 28910 Hwy 20 West in Hines.

Hot, dry summer weather and depleting fuel moisture will continue over the next several weeks. Visitors should use extreme caution when recreating outdoors this time of year. Ignition of fireworks on public land is always prohibited. Fire danger is currently MODERATE and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is a Level 1. The East Steens Mountain regulated fire restriction will remain in effect until further notice. **To report a wildfire, call (541) 573-1000.**

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