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INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION MOVES TO LEVEL 4 - SHUTDOWN

HINES, Ore. – Effective Wednesday, August 24, 2016, the Burns Interagency Fire Zone will implement Industrial Fire Precaution Level four – shutdown – on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District, the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest. The shutdown applies to woods workers and other forest industrial users and prohibits on public land: power saw use; cable yarding; blasting; welding or cutting of metal; tractor/skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations; and any other potentially spark-emitting operations.

Fire danger is EXTREME and public use restrictions remain in effect. Campfires are permitted only within designated BLM campgrounds, and any driving or parking MUST be in an area clear of all flammable materials – berm to berm. Ignition of fireworks on all public land is always prohibited.

The Malheur National Forest has more stringent public use restrictions in place, which include absolutely no campfires (even within designated U.S. Forest Service campgrounds) and no internal combustion engine operation, except motor vehicles.

Visitors should use extreme caution when visiting public lands this time of year. For a map of the restricted use area, please visit the Burns District BLM office at 28910 Hwy 20 West in Hines.

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