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INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL MOVES TO LEVEL 3

HINES, Ore. – Continuous hot, dry temperatures and the increased risk of wildfire have prompted Federal officials to tighten precaution levels within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone. Effective Wednesday, August 1, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) moves from a level 2 to a level 3, Partial Shutdown.

IFPL 3 prohibits the following except as indicated:

- cable yarding - except for gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages operating between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers;
- power saws - except power saws used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time.

In addition, the following are permitted to operate only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time:

- tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders, or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline are immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start are permitted;
- mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material; blasting;
- welding or cutting of metal;
- any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

Fire danger is **EXTREME** on BLM-administered lands and **HIGH** on U.S. Forest Service-administered lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone. A regulated fire closure is in effect for all BLM-administered lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone. Visitors should use caution when traveling through and recreating in the outdoors this time of year.

For more information, call the Burns Interagency Communication Center at (541) 573-4555.

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

About the 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. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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