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Public use restrictions, fire precaution level on the rise

HINES, Ore. – Continuous hot, dry temperatures and the increased risk of wildfire have prompted Federal officials to raise the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) and tighten public use restrictions within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ).

Effective Saturday, July 16, the following are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered lands within the BIFZ:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire, except at Chickahominy, Page Springs, Jackman Park, Fish Lake, and South Steens Campgrounds. 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 and a container with at least 1-gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5-pound fire extinguisher.
4. Operating any type of motorized vehicle off existing roadways or parking vehicles on roadways not clear of all flammable materials, berm to berm.

Effective Monday, July 18, fire danger will increase to HIGH and the IFPL will move from one to two, Partial Hootowl, on all public lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone, including the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest. Under IFPL two, personal woodcutters may only use power saws between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m., local time. A one-hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease and saw operators are required to have an axe, shovel, and fire extinguisher in their possession and on site.

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

To report a wildfire, call 573-1000.

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