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INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL AND PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS RISE AGAIN

HINES, Oregon – Continuous hot, dry temperatures and the increased risk of wildfire have prompted Federal officials to tighten use restrictions within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ). On Wednesday, July 29, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) will move from a level 2 to a level 3, Partial Shutdown and the current regulated fire closure will spread across the entire Zone.

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.

The regulated fire closure applies to all public land within the BIFZ and prohibits ignition of any fireworks, off-road vehicle travel, operating motorized vehicles without a shovel and water or fire extinguisher, and smoking out of doors or parking a vehicle in areas not free of all flammable material. Campfires are permitted only in existing fire rings at the following campgrounds: Chickahominy Reservoir, Page Springs, Jackman Park, Fish Lake and South Steens.

Public Use Restrictions are expected to increase on the Malheur National Forest on Thursday, July 30. Call (541) 575-3000 for more information.

Fire Danger in the BIFZ remains is HIGH.

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

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

