

News Release



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SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON IS OFFICIALLY IN FIRE SEASON

Lakeview, Ore. – Lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Lakeview District, Fremont-Winema National Forest, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Complex and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex are now at a moderate fire danger level and Industrial Fire Precaution Level I (IFPL).

The only Lakeview District BLM-managed lands exempt from the IFPL order are those within the Klamath Falls Resource Area that are west of the Langell Valley. This area is under the fire protection of the ODF. Information regarding restrictions that apply to ODF-protected lands may be obtained by calling (541) 883-5681 or visiting the following Web site:

<http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/precautionlevel.shtml>

Under IFPL I, the following fire precautionary requirements are placed on power saw operations:

- All power saw exhaust systems must be in good repair and include a screen-type spark arrester of 0.023 inches or less.
- All power saw operators must be in possession of the following equipment:
 - A long-handled, round point shovel with a blade not less than eight inches wide; and
 - A pressurized chemical fire extinguisher of not less than eight ounces capacity by weight.
- Before refueling a power saw, the refueling spot must be clear of all flammable material, including vegetation. The chainsaw must be restarted only after the operator has moved away from the refueling area.
- All power saw operators must stay in the cutting area for one hour after the chainsaw is shut off to watch for fire starts.

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Personal and commercial woodcutters are reminded of their responsibility to stay informed of current IFPLs and all restrictions that apply to activities conducted on public lands. Failure to comply with fire precautionary requirements may result in the issuance of a Violation Notice.

Information on the IFPL or current restrictions may be obtained by calling the Lakeview Interagency Fire Center at 541-947-6259 or visiting its Web site at:

<http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml>

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For more information about how you can prevent wildfires, contact your local BLM, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Park Service or ODF office.

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