

Objective PHS – 7: Protect public health and safety, maintain appropriate recreation opportunities, and reduce the risk of wildland fire associated with high use, habitual problem areas and/or special management considerations.

Rationale:

Historically, unmanaged campfires have escaped beyond their desired confines, serving as an ignition source for wildland fires. Undesired effects of these fires include threats to human life, property, and natural and cultural resources. These threats are especially significant in urban interface areas synonymous with much of the planning area, where high densities of people and residences can be found. Both communities and individuals have made specific requests for campfire closures as part of the RMP process. Additionally, some areas are managed for recreational experiences that do not include campfires, or campfires may conflict with the values for which an area is managed. Finally, parcels adjacent to the Middle Deschutes and Lower Crooked Wild and Scenic Rivers are closed to campfires for consistency with the existing management direction for the aforementioned special areas.

Allocations/Allowable Uses:

1. The following areas are closed to campfires seasonally, from June 1 to October 15th. If determined necessary, the fire closures could be extended based on existing conditions:
 - a. All BLM parcels in the Steamboat Rock block;
 - b. Harper Road parcel in Cline Buttes.
2. The following areas are closed to campfires year-round:
 - a. Powell Butte RNA.
 - b. Horse Ridge RNA.
 - c. Wagon Roads ACEC.
 - d. Tumalo Canal ACEC.
 - e. BLM parcels north and south of Highway 126 and adjacent to Cline Falls State Park.
 - f. Redmond Caves parcel.
 - g. All designated parking areas, staging areas, and trailheads unless specifically authorized and posted.

Archaeology

Objective A – 1: Locate, protect and preserve archaeological resources in accordance with existing legal authorities and policies, with a special emphasis on “at-risk” significant archaeological resources.

Rationale:

The Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA), directs the BLM to administer archaeological resources on public lands in a manner that will protect them and provide for their proper use. The Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), as amended, defines and protects archaeological resources on Federal lands, establishes a permit system for resource recovery, requires agencies to survey lands under their jurisdiction that are likely to contain the most scientifically valuable archaeological resources, and establishes civil and criminal penalties for an individual(s) that violate the Act. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, provides a national policy for historic preservation, establishes a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) designation for important properties, protects sites from destruction without appropriate data recovery, and requires that historic properties be utilized in agency missions when warranted. Executive Order 11593, directs Federal agencies to inventory public lands and to nominate eligible properties to the NRHP. BLM 8100 provides management policy and use allocations for the disposition and utilization of agency-administered heritage resources.

