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## Increased Fire Restrictions Begin August 25th

*Salem, Ore.*— Beginning at 12:01am on Thursday, August 25th, campfires and open source flames will be prohibited on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands within the Salem District's Cascades Field Office. Extremely dry conditions in conjunction with current and expected weather forecasts have elevated the potential risk of wildfire starts throughout the area.

The increased restrictions apply to all fires inside and outside of established fire rings at the following recreation sites:

- Wildwood Recreation Site and the Sandy Ridge Trail System east of the town of Sandy, on Hwy 26.
- The Molalla River Recreation Corridor (Three Bears and Cedar Grove Recreation Sites and the Molalla River Trail System), east of Aurora
- Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site, just west of Mill City
- Elkhorn Valley and Canyon Creek Recreation Sites on the Little North Fork Santiam River, east of Salem
- Yellowbottom Campground, Dogwood Day Use Area, Old Miner's Meadow Group Area and 50 dispersed camping sites along Quartzville Creek, northeast of Sweet Home

These sites will remain open to visitors and overnight campers.

For updated fire information or to report any unauthorized fire activity, please contact the Oregon Department of Forestry, Santiam Unit at (503) 859-2151 or Sweet Home Unit at (541) 367-6108. For additional information about recreation opportunities, please visit the Salem District website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>.

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