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Increased Fire Restrictions Within BLM Campgrounds East of I-5.

Salem, Ore.— Beginning 1 AM, Tuesday, August 11, campfires and open source flames will be prohibited at dispersed and established recreation sites administrated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District, east of Interstate 5. This includes all day use and overnight sites. Extremely dry conditions in conjunction with current and expected weather forecasts have elevated the potential risk of wildfire starts throughout this area.

This temporary ban includes fires inside and outside of established fire rings at:

- **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)
- **Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site**, 2 miles 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, Sweet Home Unit at (541)367-6108.

For additional information about recreation opportunities, please visit the Salem District website: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>.

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