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Fire Danger Prompts BLM to Prohibit Campfires in Eastern Washington

Spokane, Wash. – Extreme fire danger has prompted Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire managers to prohibit campfires in Eastern Washington, including in developed recreation areas. Managers implemented initial fire restrictions in mid-July and have updated them to **prohibit the building, maintaining, attending or using a fire of any type, including charcoal briquette fires** on lands administered by the BLM's Spokane District. An exemption is made for liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters provided they are used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

The updated fire restriction will be effective beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014.

Fire restrictions apply to all BLM managed lands in the following Eastern Washington counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties. Restrictions are in place until further notice.

In addition to prohibiting campfires, restrictions on the use of off-road vehicles, smoking, shooting of exploding targets and the use of fireworks is still in effect. A complete, signed fire restriction order can be found at the following websites: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/index.php> or <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/firedanger/BurnRisk.aspx>

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