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## BLM Modifies Fire Restrictions in Eastern Washington

**Spokane, Wash.** – Fire restrictions on lands administered by the Spokane District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have been modified and will take effect on 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. BLM lands in the following eastern Washington counties are affected: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties.

The following acts are prohibited on affected lands:

Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire (43 CFR 9212.2).

Exception: Campfires within BLM-provided steel rings at improved campgrounds will be deemed legal at the Yakima River Canyon, Coffeepot, Chopaka, Washburn, Pacific Lake and Twin Lakes sites. Liberty Campground will follow the U.S. Forest Service's Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest restriction levels. Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted provided they are used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3(a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

Persons with a permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Any federal, state or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

On all public lands within the Spokane District, ignition of fireworks is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)). In addition, the use of exploding targets is also prohibited.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

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