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# Media Advisory

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## BLM Lifts Fire Restrictions in Eastern Washington

**Spokane, Wash.** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District has lifted the regulated fire closure on public lands administered by the BLM in eastern Washington. The termination of the regulated fire closure will be effective Oct. 4, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. in the following counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima.

Caution is advised at all times when operating motor vehicles on roads or trails with vegetation or high grasses, and due to fire hazard risk the public is asked not to bring fireworks or exploding targets onto public lands at any time. The public is also asked to ensure that any campfires are completely extinguished and cold before departure from a camping area.

Additional information about BLM Spokane District and seasonal fire regulations is available at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/index.php>.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.



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**ORDER**  
**FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED**

**SPOKANE DISTRICT BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Fire restrictions are hereby lifted on lands administered by the Spokane District Bureau of Land Management and will take effect on 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 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.

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 and incendiary bullets are also prohibited.

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

This order will be effective 12:01 a.m. October 4, 2016.



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Date: October 3, 2016