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Reclamation Lands within the Vale District under public use restrictions

Vale, Ore. –The Bureau of Reclamation has asked the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to apply public use restrictions on all Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) lands within the boundaries of the Vale District. Both agencies have determined that this regulation is necessary to protect natural resources and the public's health and safety.

1. You must not build, maintain or attend any **fire, or** stove fire including charcoal briquette fire, except within the existing metal fire rings located at the following Recreation sites: Spring Recreation Site and Carters Landing, in Baker County and Chukar Park in Malheur County.
NOTE: Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites they must be used within an area at least ten (10) feet in diameter that is barren, or clear of all flammable materials.
2. You must not smoke outside of a vehicle, trailer or building, except within areas barren of all flammable materials for at least a 3 foot diameter, or aboard boats on rivers and lakes.
3. You must not possess, discharge or use any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device to include sparklers. This order does not differentiate between lawful use and careless/negligent use of fireworks, but prohibits all fireworks activity and their use on public lands as identified.
4. You must not operate a chainsaw.
5. You must not park your vehicle or operate any type of internal combustion engine (generators, weed eaters, etc.) in an area that is not clear of all flammable material.
6. You must not operate a motorized vehicle outside of existing roads and ways. This prohibits cross country travel.
You must not operate an automobile, pickup, truck, or any other motorized equipment that is wider than 50 inches or has a dry weight of 800 pounds or more, on public lands without a shovel not less than 26" in overall length, with a blade not less than 8" wide, and a container with at least one gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher.

These restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded. Individuals who violate public use restrictions not only potentially endanger themselves and others, but may be subject to penalties, fines and/or imprisonment and may be held responsible for the suppression costs of a human-caused fire.

BLM and the BOR want the public to recreate and enjoy their public lands but we urge them to use caution and common sense as we strive to prevent future fires, ensure public safety and protect public lands. Please help us manage your public lands for the future use of all.

Additional information about the BLM Vale District can be found by visiting the district website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale.



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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. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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