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Fire Order 2023



Fire Prevention Order

MEDFORD BLM WILD AND SCENIC RIVER – WILD SECTION STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to title 43 CFR 9212.2 (a), 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited within the boundaries of the Wild section of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River within the Medford District BLM, and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. This Order will be effective beginning on September 27, 2023 until November 30, 2023, unless sooner rescinded.

PROHIBITION:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire except;
 - a. Campfires are permitted only within a raised fire pan or similar device that will contain the fire and its residue, free of natural vegetation, below the high water mark from Marial downstream to the mouth of Watson Creek. All ashes are to be carried out. Each group must have a shovel and bucket. [36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)]
2. Smoking except within the following locations:
 - a. While aboard a watercraft while navigating or at rest on a waterway.
 - b. On sand and gravel bars between the river and the high water mark naturally free of flammable vegetation.
[36 CFR § 261.52(c)]

Description of River Corridor

The wild section corridor of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River, administered by BLM, beginning at the mouth of Grave Creek in the northeast ¼ of the northeast ¼ of Section 1, T.34S., R.8W., Willamette Meridian, Josephine County, OR and following downriver in a westerly direction to the administrative boundary of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest at Marial, OR in the southwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 9, T.34S., R.11W., Curry County, OR., as shown on the map attached as Exhibit A.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Medford, OR September 26, 2023.

Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order may be subject to prosecution under any applicable law or BLM regulation. A violation of this order may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA , 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984. If the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or may be fined in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

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EXHIBIT A: ROGUE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER – BLM Fire Restrictions

