AMENDED FIRE RESTRICTIONS ORDER
SPOKANE DISTRICT BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to 43 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 9212 and 423.3(d), the previous Fire Restrictions Order in effect since July 7, 2023, is hereby amended to prohibit the following acts on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Beginning at 12:01 a.m., August 25, 2023, the following prohibitions are in effect in these 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.

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire. 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.

- Operating any type of motorized vehicle off developed roadways. Parking of vehicles off roadways must be done in an area barren of flammable materials. Developed roadways are those that are clear of flammable debris berm to berm. When operating a motorized vehicle on public lands, you must carry a shovel at least 26 inches in length with at least an eight-inch blade, and either a one-gallon container of water or a fully charged 2.5-pound fire extinguisher. All motorcycles and All-Terrain Vehicles must be equipped with a properly functioning U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor.

- Smoking while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas, except in vehicles on roads, or cleared areas at least 3 feet in diameter, or on boats on rivers and or lakes.

- Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal or tribal law and regulations. Fireworks and exploding targets are prohibited year-round on federal lands.

The following persons are exempt from this order:
- Persons with a permit that specifically authorized 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.

Penalties for violations:
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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