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BLM Prineville District Partial Public Use Restriction Recission Order

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Prineville District, will remove Stage 1 Public Use Restrictions (PURS) for the public on BLM-administered lands within the Prineville District on September 20, 2025, at 12:01 AM. This recission excludes BLM-administered lands on the Lower Deschutes, John Day, Crooked, and White Rivers, as well as Lake Billy Chinook and Lake Simtustus, and the La Pine Basin. The annual river PURS will remain in effect until **October 15, 2025**, and the La Pine Basin PURS will remain until **October 31, 2025**. These restrictions were originally implemented earlier this summer to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires.

The Fire Closure Orders (and prohibited acts listed within) pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §9212.2 (a), that were effective on June 16, 2025, and signed by the Prineville District Manager or their acting, are hereby rescinded. The prohibited acts being lifted are as follows:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal fire.
2. Smoking except while in non-public buildings, within a closed vehicle, while in a boat floating on the water, or while standing in the water.
3. Discharging or using fireworks or pyrotechnic devices.
4. Operating equipment powered by an internal combustion engine - specifically chainsaws and portable generators.
 - a. Chainsaw use is prohibited between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Chainsaw use is allowed at all other hours.
 - b. Saw operators are required to have a long-handled round point shovel with an 8-inch blade (size 0), and a fire extinguisher (minimum ABC 8 oz.) in their possession.
 - c. 1-hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease.
 - d. Generators are allowed when fully contained in the bed of a truck or attached/mounted to a vehicle while lifted off of the ground or in an area cleared off at least 10 feet in diameter of all flammable material and equipped with an approved spark arrestor.
5. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
6. Discharging or using combustible or explosive composition or chemical devices, including but not limited to exploding targets.
7. Discharging or using tracer, explosive, steel component (core or jacket), or incendiary ammunition.
8. Releasing or causing to be released any sky lanterns, airborne paper lanterns, aerial luminaries, and/or fire balloons.
9. Shooting at any metallic object, including but not limited to using metal targets for target shooting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Prineville District Front Desk, at 541- 416-6700
BLM_OR_PR_Mail@blm.gov. This notice will be available online.

EFFECTIVE: This Order is effective at 12:01 AM, on September, 20, 2025.

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