



**REGULATED FIRE
CLOSURE
PRINEVILLE DISTRICT
Bureau of Land Management**



Order Number: 003-2026

**FIRE CLOSURE
CROOKED, DESCHUTES, JOHN DAY, AND WHITE RIVERS,
AS WELL AS LAKE BILLY CHINOOK & LAKE SIMTUSTUS**

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8351.2-1 or 43 CFR 9212.2 (a) and beginning at 12:01 a.m., May 13th, 2026, and continuing until October 15th, 2026, the following are prohibited on Bureau of Land Management managed public lands described below:

Prohibited Acts:

1. Building, igniting, maintaining, using, and/or actively attending within 20', a campfire, charcoal fire, or any other type of open flame. This includes portable propane campfires and wood pellet burning devices.
 - a. *Exception:* You may use commercially manufactured metal camp stoves used for cooking and shielded lanterns, when fueled with bottled propane or liquid fuel and operated in a responsible manner.
2. Smoking, except while in non-public buildings, closed vehicles, in boats on the water, or while standing in the water.

Descriptions of Public Lands included in this closure:

Crooked River

- Within ½ mile of the river's edge from the Bowman Dam to Lake Billy Chinook, excluding campfire rings established by the BLM at the following posted, developed, and designated campgrounds: **Castle Rock, Still Water, Lone Pine, Palisades, Chimney Rock, Cobble Rock, Post Pile, and Poison Butte.**

Deschutes River

- Within ½ mile of the river's edge from the Highway 20 bridge to the Columbia River, including Lake Billy Chinook and Lake Simtustus.

Lake Billy Chinook & Lake Simtustus

- Within ½ mile of Lake Billy Chinook's edge, including BLM Beach dispersed recreation site located approximately ½ mile east of the Three Rivers Recreation Area on the south shore of the Metolius River arm of the lake.
- Within ½ mile of Lake Simtustus's edge.

Lower White River

- Within ½ mile of the river's edge from its confluence with the Deschutes River upstream to the eastern boundary of the Mount Hood National Forest.

John Day River

- Within ¼ mile of the river's edge in the following locations:
 - The Mainstem John Day River from Tumwater Falls (River Mile 10) upstream to Kimberly (River Mile 185).
 - The North Fork John Day River, from the confluence with the mainstem at Kimberly (River Mile 0) upstream to the Umatilla National Forest boundary (River Mile 62).
 - The South Fork John Day River from Smokey Creek (River Mile 6) upstream to the Malheur National Forest boundary (River Mile 47).

Except in emergency conditions or with permission from an agency authorized officer, **there are no exceptions to this closure.** 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) Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 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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