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## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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### **Bureau of Land Management Notice of Temporary Restriction Order**

**OFFICE:** Vale District Bureau of Land Management, Vale, Oregon (BLM)  
Bureau of Reclamation, PN Region (Reclamation)

**ACTION:** Emergency Fire Prevention Orders for temporarily prohibiting some activities and uses within the administrative boundaries of the Vale District during periods of high fire danger.

**RATIONALE:** This regulation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and resources. Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 and 43 CFR 423.3(d), the acts listed below are prohibited on lands administered by the BLM, and Reclamation jurisdictional lands within the boundaries of the BLM through an intra-agency agreement. Reclamation lands administered by agencies other than the BLM will determine their own restrictions.

**LOCATION:** These orders will apply to all public lands administered by the Vale District BLM and Fee and Withdrawn Lands under the jurisdiction of Reclamation within the boundaries of the Vale District.

**DATES:** Beginning on Saturday, June 27, and will remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**NOTIFICATIONS:** For more information visit [www.blm.gov/orwafire](http://www.blm.gov/orwafire) or [www.blm.gov/office/vale-district-office](http://www.blm.gov/office/vale-district-office)

#### **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:**

1. Building, maintaining, or attending any open fire. This includes campfires, debris burns, wood-fired stove/ smoker/ portable braziers, oil-fueled open flame devices, and charcoal briquette fires.  
EXCEPTION: Self-contained liquefied and bottled gas equipment for cooking, warming, and lighting is permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites, they must be within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is clear of all vegetative materials.
2. Smoking outside of a vehicle, trailer, or building, except within areas barren of all vegetative materials for at least 6 feet in diameter, or aboard boats on rivers and lakes.
3. Possessing, discharging, or using any type of fireworks, explosives, or other explosive or chemical composition pyrotechnic device, including exploding targets.
4. Discharging or using tracer, steel component (core or jacket), or incendiary ammunition.  
EXCEPTION: Using steel component ammunition with a valid State hunting license while actively engaged in the legal pursuit/take of Game/Non-Game species in accordance with current hunting seasons.
5. Shooting at any metallic object, including but not limited to using metal targets for target shooting.  
EXCEPTION: Officially permitted shooting ranges where natural fuels mitigations are present.

6. Operating a chainsaw or blowtorch, or the cutting, grinding, and/or welding of metal.
7. Releasing or causing to be released any airborne paper lanterns (sky lanterns), fire balloons, or other aerial luminaries.
8. Operating or parking an internal combustion motorized vehicle outside of existing roads or ways, or traversing roads with vegetative material that touches the undercarriage of the vehicle.
9. Operating any other equipment with an internal combustion engine in an area that is not clear of vegetative material up to 10 feet in diameter.
10. Operating any internal combustion motorized vehicle or equipment that is wider than 46 inches or has a dry weight of 800 pounds or more, on public lands without a shovel not less than 26 inches in overall length, with a blade not less than 8 inches wide, and a container with at least one gallon of water, or a fully charged and operable 2.5-pound fire extinguisher. All motorcycles, All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), and side-by-side Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) must be equipped with an approved and functional spark arrestor.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3, the BLM may issue permits to persons to specifically authorize them to engage in acts otherwise prohibited under this order. Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2(b)(3), the following are exempt from this order. An exemption does not necessarily absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire caused by an exempted activity.

- Any Federal, State, or local government employee acting in his or her official capacity.
- Any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force during performance of an official duty.

**PENALTIES:**

Anyone in violation of this Fire Prevention Order may be subject to civil liability or criminal 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. Pursuant to 18 USC 3571, 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. Liability for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

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