

NOTICE OF STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Bureau of Land Management, Idaho

Wildfire danger is Very High in some parts of northern Idaho. Therefore, pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9200, subpart 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coeur d'Alene District Manager has instituted **Stage I Fire Restrictions within areas of the Coeur d'Alene District. Those areas include public lands administered by the BLM:**

Coeur d'Alene South Zone: All BLM lands within the 332A and 332 Road junction, southeast along the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) and Kootenai National Forest (KNF) administrative Boundary to the Idaho- Montana State Line, then southeast along the state line to Thompson Pass continuing along state line to Lookout Pass, continuing along state line to Graves Peak, then west along IPNF-Clearwater National Forest Administrative Boundary to Floodwood State Forest-IPNF Administrative Boundary, then north to Road 220, then northwest along Road 220 to Road 457, continue on Road 457 to Road 457 and Road 301 junction, continue on Road 301 to Gold Center Creek and Road 759, then north on Road 759 to Road 321, then west on Road 321 to Road 226 then west on Road 226 to Road 1491, then south on Road 1491 to Road 321, then through Clarkia, across Highway 3 to Clarkia Peak, then to Cedar Butte, Betchel Butte and Sherwin Point, then following west along the Palouse Ranger District/St. Joe Ranger District Boundary to the west to West Dennis Point. From Dennis Point heading south west to Fairview Knob then south along ridgeline to the center of section 19, then from center of section 19 continue along ridgeline to southwest to section 23, then west five sections, north one section, west one section, north two sections, west one section, north four sections, west three sections, north two sections, west seven sections to Washington-Idaho State Line, then North to Kootenai-Bonner County Line, then east on county line to Cape Horn on Pend Orielle Lake, then west and south around Scenic Bay and Idlewilde Bay to Farragut State Park and Sandpoint Ranger District Administrative Boundary, then north and east along Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District boundary to Bernard Peak and Chilco Mountain Ridge, then east along same administrative boundary (Pend Orielle Lake-Coeur d'Alene River Divide) to Weber Saddle, then north and east along same boundary to Summit Camp, then south and west to the beginning.

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

The following acts are prohibited on the public land, roads, and trails described herein:

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These restrictions shall be in full force and effect starting at **12:01 a.m., August 7, 2026** and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2026.

Birk Roseman
Coeur d'Alene District Manager (acting)

Violation of the above prohibited acts is punishable by fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months (Title 18 USC 1856, Title 43 USC 1701, Title 43 9212.4, and/or appropriate State laws).

DEFINITIONS

Stage I Fire Restrictions

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Supervisors, and BLM District Managers. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Lands.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by Land Management agencies.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire provided by the agency or campground owner. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined below.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine.

OWNER PROVIDED STRUCTURE – A permanent fire ring/structure that is installed and maintained by the agency having administrative control or the individual who has ownership rights of the property.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, outfitted with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length, employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch (for the purposes of Stage II Restrictions, stoves fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels are within exemption #2, and do not require a chimney or spark arrester).