



REGULATED FIRE CLOSURE

PRINEVILLE DISTRICT Bureau of Land Management



Order Number: 005-2026

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 (a), the following acts are prohibited by the Prineville District Bureau of Land Management, beginning at 12:01 AM, September 5th, 2026, until further notice. This order replaces the order issued on July 24th 2026 that prohibited all campfires in the Prineville District BLM managed land.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal fire, **except** within campfire rings established by the BLM at the following Crooked River posted, developed and designated campgrounds: **Castle Rock, Still Water, Lone Pine, Palisades, Chimney Rock, Cobble Rock, Post Pile, and Poison Butte.**
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 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.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3 (a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.

2. Any federal, state, or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Cooking stoves, portable propane campfires or lanterns that meet UL/CSA safety standards and using only liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed. This order does not replace orders signed May 11, 2026, prohibiting campfires and portable propane campfires on the Lower Deschutes, John Day, White River and lower portions of the Crooked River, or Lake Billy Chinook.

Done at Prineville, Oregon, this 4th day of September 2026.

Kyle E. Hensley
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Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management

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.