U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

FIRE RESTRICTIONS ORDER SPOKANE DISTRICT BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to 43 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 9212 and 423.3(d), the following acts are prohibited on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation beginning at 12:01 a.m. June 22, 2019 in the following Eastern Washington counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties.

- Target shooting with the use of exploding targets (including Tannerite) is prohibited. Target shooters who start wildfires may be responsible for the cost of fire suppression.
- Operating any type of motorized vehicle off developed roadways. Parking of vehicles off roadways must be done in an area barren of flammable materials.

Developed roadways are those that are clear of flammable debris berm to berm. When operating a motorized vehicle on public lands, you must carry a shovel at least 26 inches in length with at least an eight-inch blade, and either a one-gallon container of water or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher. All motorcycles and All-Terrain Vehicles must be equipped with a properly functioning U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor.

• Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire. <u>Exception</u>: Campfires (including charcoal briquette fire) within BLM-provided steel rings at improved campgrounds will be deemed legal only at the Yakima River Canyon, Coffeepot, Chopaka, Washburn, Pacific Lake and Twin Lakes sites. Liberty Campground will follow USFS restriction levels. Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted provided they are used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

• Smoking while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas, except in vehicles on roads, or cleared areas at least 3 feet in diameter, or on boats on rivers and or lakes.

The following persons are exempt from this order:

- Persons with a permit that specifically authorized the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Any federal, state or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

The following acts are prohibited:

- Cause a fire, other than a campfire;
- Fire a tracer or incendiary device (including fireworks);
- Leave a fire without extinguishing it, except to report it if it has spread beyond control;
- Enter an area which is closed by a fire prevention order; or
- Perform any act restricted by this fire prevention order.

Please use caution when target shooting and refrain from shooting in hot, dry and/or windy conditions. It is recommended all target shooters carry a fire extinguisher and/or shovel in the event of an unintentional fire start. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates these regulations, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both (43 CFR 9212.4).

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