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Fire Restrictions to Be Lifted in West Central Idaho Mountains late Friday

BOISE, Idaho—Frequent thunderstorm rain showers, cooler weather and lower wildfire dangers have prompted state and federal wildfire officials to lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions within the West Central Idaho Mountains effective **Friday, August 15 at 11:59 P.M.**

Restrictions remain in place for the Treasure Valley and Owyhee Mountains.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions **will be lifted** on lands managed by the Boise and Payette National Forests; Bureau of Land Management Field Offices as well as state and private lands within the areas listed below.

- All of Boise and Adams County
- Those portions of Washington County within the Payette National Forest
- Those portions of Idaho County that are south of the Salmon River (east of Riggins), east of Highway 95 (south of Riggins) and are not federal lands designated as wilderness
- The portion of Blaine and Camas Counties that lie north of State Highway 20
- The portion of Elmore County that lies north of Interstate 84
- The portion of southwestern Custer County bound to the north and east by the Sawtooth National Recreation Area
- All of Valley County except those federal lands designated as wilderness
- For a detailed map visit:
<http://www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov/southwest/firerestrictions.htm>

Lifting the restrictions means the public is free to build a campfire, use a charcoal barbeque or shepherd stove outside of designated campgrounds and recreation sites. Fire managers remind people to use water to put out all campfires and to soak all charcoal and hot ash from barbeques and stoves.

The BLM Fire Prevention Order remains in effect for all BLM managed lands within the state of Idaho. This order prohibits: discharging, using, possessing fireworks; discharging a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition; burning, igniting or causing to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, plastic or explosive material (including exploding targets) that may cause a fire.

More information is available at Forest, BLM and IDL offices. Current fire restrictions throughout the state are at: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/fire/restrictions.html>. County and local officials should be contacted regarding fire restrictions outside the described areas. (end)