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Land Management Agencies in Southwest Idaho Implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

BOISE, ID – With the wildfire danger high in many parts of southwest Idaho, local land management agencies are enforcing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on state and BLM managed lands within the areas listed below:

- All State and BLM managed lands within Owyhee County
- For a detailed map, visit:
<http://www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov/southwest/firerestrictions.htm>

The Stage 1 Fire Restrictions will go into effect July 16, 2014 beginning at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in effect until further notice. The restrictions are being implemented by federal and state agencies managing public lands in the area, including the Bureau of Land Management and Idaho Department of Lands. These restrictions are intended to decrease the chance of any preventable fires in the designated area.

Under the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, the following acts are prohibited on the restricted state and federally managed lands, roads and trails:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, or on their own land, and only within an owner-provided structure.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Following are exemptions to the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- Other exemptions unique to each agency.

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