



FIRE RESTRICTION INFORMATION FOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

PROTECTED LANDS IN NORTHEAST OREGON, FOR CURRENT RESTRICTION INFORMATION CALL 541-975-3027 OR VISIT BMIDC.ORG/RESTRICTIONS OR QR Code



Low Fire Danger (Out of Fire Season)

PROHIBITED:

- Use of sky lanterns throughout the year in Oregon.

Moderate Fire Danger

PROHIBITED:

- Permit Required for all open debris burning and use of burn barrels.
 - Contact your local ODF office as listed below to inquire about a permit.
- Campfires for recreational and/or cooking purposes are allowed.
 - Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required; shovel or other firefighting tool, minimum of 1-gallon of water, or 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher and a fire watch at least one hour after extinguishing.
- Use of exploding targets.
- Use of tracer ammunition or any bullet with a pyrotechnic charge in its base.
- Use of sky lanterns throughout the year in Oregon.

FIRE SEASON
IN EFFECT

High Fire Danger

PROHIBITED:

- All open debris burning and the use of burn barrels.
- Open fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires, except at designated locations.
 - Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.
 - Propane fire pits are allowed if they are self-contained and 3 feet away from any flammable fuels with a maximum flame height of 2 feet.
- Non-industrial Chainsaw use is prohibited Noon-8PM.
 - Non-industrial chainsaw use is allowed at all other hours if the following firefighting equipment is present with each operating saw: one shovel or other firefighting tool, and one 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher or 1-gallon of water. In addition, a fire watch is required at least one hour following the end of chainsaw use.
 - Electric Chainsaws are allowed all day.
- Use of fireworks.
- Use of exploding targets.
- Use of tracer ammunition or any bullet with a pyrotechnic charge in its base.
- Any electric fence controller in use shall be: 1) Listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services; and 2) Operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Smoking while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, or at a cleared area free of flammable vegetation.
- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required for any vehicle/UTV/ATV traveling on unimproved roadways, where flammable vegetation exists on roadway; shovel or other firefighting tool, minimum of 1-gallon of water, or 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Mowing of dried and cured grass with power driven equipment is prohibited Noon-8PM, except for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.
 - Electric string trimmers are allowed all day.
- Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is prohibited Noon-8PM. Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is permitted at all other hours, if conducted in a 10-foot area cleared of flammable vegetation, shovel or other firefighting tool, minimum of 1-gallon of water, or 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Use of sky lanterns throughout the year in Oregon.

Extreme Fire Danger

PROHIBITED

- All open debris burning including the use of burn barrels.
- Open fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires.
 - Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.
 - Propane fire pits are allowed if they are self-contained and 3 feet away from any flammable fuels with a maximum flame height of 2 feet.
- Use of fireworks.
- Use of exploding targets.
- Use of tracer ammunition or any bullet with a pyrotechnic charge in its base.
- Non-industrial chainsaw use.
 - Electric Chainsaws are allowed all day.
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- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required for any vehicle/UTV/ATV traveling on unimproved roadways where flammable vegetation exists on the roadway; shovel or other firefighting tool, minimum of 1-gallon of water, or 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Use of sky lanterns throughout the year in Oregon.

*The above public use restrictions are in accordance with ORS 477.535

***If you would like further information, please call your local office.**

Baker City: 541-523-5831

La Grande: 541-963-3168

Pendleton: 541-276-3491

Wallowa: 541-886-2881



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"Stewardship in
Forestry"

Northeast Oregon Department of Forestry Declares an End to Fire Season

La Grande, OR - As of 12:01 am, October 22, 2024, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) will terminate fire season for forestlands protected by the Northeast Oregon District. This includes over 2 million acres of private, state, county, municipal and tribal lands protected by ODF. The Northeast Oregon District includes lands in the following counties: Union, Baker, Umatilla, Wallowa and small portions of Grant, Morrow and Malheur counties.

The end of fire season means landowners protected by ODF can burn residential yard debris and burn barrels without a permit. This does not relieve landowners or forest operators of lawful responsibilities concerning the safe burning of debris or slash piles.

Landowners need to make sure they have their smoke management notifications filed and follow all forecasts for burning. Check with your local ODF office before lighting fires.

Specific Smoke Management/Burning Advisory Information:

- If you are under the protection of a rural or city fire department, please be sure to follow their burning restrictions. Additionally, burning within the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) requires a permit from CTUIR. You must follow all requirements as outlined in the permit. Burn permits for burn barrels or small amounts of yard debris are not required on lands protected only by ODF Northeast Oregon District.
- Burning slash from forestry and logging activities requires a Notification of Operation/PDM from ODF. In addition to this permit, landowners are required to obtain a smoke management permit from their local ODF office. Before burning in northeast Oregon, it is also required to obtain the smoke management weather forecast. For smoke management forecasts please call: 541-963-404 or visit the following website:

http://www.odf.state.or.us/DIVISIONS/protection/fire_protection/Daily/neo.htm

The Northeast Oregon District of the Oregon Department of Forestry would like to thank all our landowners, forest operators, the public, and interagency partners for their efforts in fire prevention, detection, and suppression activities this season.

For further information, call your local ODF office:

La Grande Unit	(541)963-3168
Baker City Sub-Unit	(541)523-5831
Wallowa Unit	(541)886-2881
Pendleton Unit	(541)276-3491

To report a fire, call the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center at (541)963-7171, or dial 9-1-1.

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