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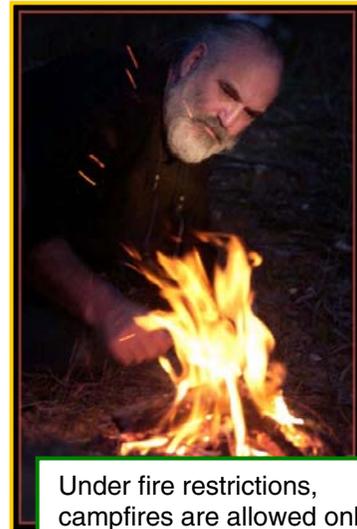
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## Fire Restrictions Prompted by Increased Risks

Yreka, CA – Increasing risks of wildland fire has prompted fire management officials to implement temporary fire restrictions for the Klamath National Forest. These restrictions will be effective Friday, July 30, 2004 except for designated recreation sites and designated wilderness areas (please see attached list of designated sites).

The recent hot temperatures and a lack of widespread rainfall, compounded by the fact that August and September are active months for wildland fire, lead to a potential for extreme wildland fire behavior across the forest. These conditions pose a serious threat to natural resources and private property within the national forest and can jeopardize public and firefighter safety.



Under fire restrictions, campfires are allowed only in designated areas.

“As fire danger throughout California is reaching extremes, restrictions help prevent fires that threaten our natural resources and communities throughout the Forest,” said Brian Harris, Klamath National Forest public affairs officer. “While lightning certainly poses a hazard, escaped camp fires and other human related activities are of high concern as well. Implementing these restrictions will reduce the potential for human caused wildfires.”

There are changes in this years fire restriction order for those that visit the wilderness areas. In the past, various fire restrictions were in effect based on elevation and which national forest you were located in. This year, all of the northern California national forests have come together to standardize the implementation of fire restrictions.

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With the changed process, the Siskiyou, Marble Mountain, Russian and the Trinity/Alps Wilderness areas are separated from the rest of the forest. Under this order, the wilderness areas are not under fire restrictions at this time, but can be added in the future as conditions warrant. "This will eliminate the confusion that many wilderness recreationists had about fire restrictions in relation to what elevation they were at, and which national forest they were located on," added Harris. .

**Under these fire restrictions, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are allowed to use portable stoves, lantern gas, jellied petroleum, and pressurized liquid fuel on National Forest System lands. Permits can be obtained at all Forest Service offices.**

So far this year, the Klamath National Forest has been fortunate not to have large fires that burn tens of thousands of acres. Proactive fuels management and aggressive initial attack have kept small fires from growing into large fires, on the other hand, we are just now getting into that time of year when wildland fire activity increases in Siskiyou County.

Effective Friday, July 30, 2004, the following temporary fire use restrictions will go into effect:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, or stove fire except in the designated wilderness areas and recreation sites shown on the attached table.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or in the designated wilderness areas and recreation sites shown on the attached table.
- Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Using an explosive.
- Operating an internal combustion engine, except on a National Forest System road or a National Forest System trail.

Anyone having questions about the use of fire on National Forest lands can obtain additional information by contacting the nearest Forest Service office. The Shasta/Trinity National Forest is implementing fire restriction on July 26th and the Six Rivers National Forest currently under restrictions beginning July 23rd.

**DESIGNATED SITES**

<b>GOOSENEST RANGER DISTRICT</b>	<b>SCOTT RIVER RANGER DISTRICT</b>
Juanita Lake Campground	Beaver Creek Campground
Martin's Diary Campground	Jones Beach Picnic Area
Shafter Campground	Tree of Heaven Campground
Four Corners Snowmobile Park	Kangaroo Lake Campground & Picnic Area
Deer Mountain Snowmobile Park	Bridge Flat Campground
Orr Lake Campground	Mt. Ashland Campground
	Grouse Gap Shelter
<b>HAPPY CAMP RANGER DISTRICT</b>	Trail Creek Campground
Curly Jack Campground	Indian Scotty Campground
Sulphur Springs Campground	Carter Meadows Group Campground
West Branch Campground	Lover's Camp Trailhead
Fort Goff Campground	Hidden Horse Campground
Nor Cross Campground	
Grider Creek Campground	
O'Neil Creek Campground	<b>SALMON RIVER RANGER DISTRICT</b>
Sarah Totten Campground	Big Flat Campground
	East Fork Campground
<b>UKONOM RANGER DISTRICT</b>	Hotelling Campground
Oak Bottom Campground	Idlewild Campground
Dillon Campground	Matthews Creek Campground
Nordheimer Flat Campground	Mulebridge Trailhead
Camp Three	Red Bank Campground
Beans Camp	Shadow Creek Campground
<b>WILDERNESS AREAS</b>	
Trinty Alps Wilderness	
Russian Wilderness	
Marble Mountain Wilderness	
Siskiyou Wilderness Area	