

News Release

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS BEGIN AUG. 1 ON AREA PUBLIC LANDS

With hot summer weather continuing to dry out vegetation and increase wildfire risks, the Lassen National Forest and Bureau of Land Management have announced that fire restrictions will go into effect Sunday, Aug. 1, in northeast California and northwest Nevada.

The restrictions will be in place for all areas of the Lassen National Forest and on BLM-managed areas of Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra, Shasta, Siskiyou and Washoe counties.

Under the restrictions, open fires, campfires, and charcoal fires will be allowed only within campfire rings or stoves in designated campgrounds and recreation sites. Stoves and lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are exempt, but a campfire permit is required to use these devices outside of designated recreation sites.

Smoking is allowed only within enclosed vehicles or designated recreation sites.

Additionally, fire restrictions require that motor vehicles and all internal combustion engines can be used only on National Forest development roads, and established roads and trails on BLM public lands.

All woodcutting with chainsaws will be prohibited on the Lassen National Forest when restrictions take effect. The last day for chainsaw use on Forest lands will be Saturday, July 31.

On BLM-managed firewood cutting areas, chainsaw use will be allowed until 1 p.m. daily.

In addition to these restrictions, officials at the Susanville Interagency Fire Center remind everyone that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has suspended all burning permits.

Fire officials said these restrictions will remain in place until rainy weather reduces fire dangers.

Additional information on the safe use of fire outdoors, or location of designated recreation sites, is available by contacting any Lassen National Forest or BLM office.

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