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## **AGENCIES URGE EVERYONE TO HAVE A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY**

Susanville, CA...With Labor Day weekend approaching and hunting seasons beginning to open, many people are looking forward to recreating on public lands. However, the Susanville Interagency Fire Center reminds everyone that fire dangers still exist and fire restrictions remain in effect.

“It’s still extremely dry even though it has rained and temperatures have cooled,” commented Chuck Judd, SIFC center manager. “People should not let down their guard, and need to remain vigilant of the very high fire dangers that exist on public lands.”

Keeping this in mind, local, federal and state agencies are asking everyone to be extremely cautious with fire outdoors and remember that fire restrictions are still in effect. These tips will help:

- Keep your campfire small. Wood campfires are allowed only within designated campgrounds and recreation areas.
- Never leave your campsite without first extinguishing your campfire.
- Pour lots of water on your fire and stir it with a shovel, make sure it’s dead out and cold to touch.
- Smoking is allowed only in vehicles and within designated campgrounds and recreation areas.
- Don’t throw cigarettes out your vehicle window.
- Keep small children away from fires or hot grills.

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## **FIRE SAFETY 2 2 2**

Officials remind firewood cutters that woodcutting is not allowed on the Lassen National Forest until weather conditions change significantly, and fire restrictions have been lifted. Chainsaw use is allowed on BLM-managed lands until 1 p.m. daily.

Drivers need to stay on existing roads. Vehicles are not allowed off roads to reduce the chance of hot vehicle mufflers and catalytic converters starting grass or brush fires.

Fire officials urged hunters to be aware of the fire restrictions. Other than lightning, fires not extinguished by hunters are consistently the largest cause of wildland fires in Northeastern California in the late summer and fall.

Information on current wildland fire dangers and fire restrictions is available from any office of the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Local fire departments also have information on fire dangers and fire use restrictions.

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