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Campfire and Woodcutting Restrictions Lifted

All fire restrictions on the Plumas National Forest will be lifted effective Friday, September, 28, 2007. Therefore, smoking, campfires with a permit, and chainsaw use will be allowed. Personal use woodcutting is allowed with a permit, all day in Zones 1 and 2, on the Plumas National Forest (public land). However, the forest is still in fire season and visitors are reminded to completely extinguish campfires and use caution when smoking in the forest.

As an important reminder, vehicle use is restricted to existing roads and trails as shown on the Motorized Vehicle Restriction maps. These maps are available at no charge at all Plumas National Forest offices.

The ban on burning debris piles ordered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL-FIRE) **remains in effect**. The burning restriction affects those private lands in Plumas, Butte, Yuba, Sierra and Lassen Counties under the fire protection of the Plumas National Forest and will remain in effect until CAL-FIRE terminates the ban. In other words, if you obtain a burn permit from the Plumas National Forest, this restriction applies. Private land under the fire protection of the CAL-FIRE Lassen-Modoc Unit such as Chester, Janesville and Doyle may have different restrictions. The City of Portola also restricts burning at this time, according to City Fire Chief, Curtis Marshall.

For more information on fire and fuel woodcutting on public land, or to obtain permits, please contact the local U.S. Forest Service (USFS), or visit the Plumas National Forest website, www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas. Contact the local CAL-FIRE office for more information about private land fire restrictions.

Key Points:

- 1) Campfire restrictions will be lifted on Friday, September 28, on the Plumas National Forest.**
- 2) Woodcutting with a valid permit is allowed all day in Zones 1 and 2, effective Friday, September 28.**
- 3) CDF State dooryard burn ban remains in effect.**

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