



Malheur National Forest

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MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST RAISES INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL AND PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS GO INTO EFFECT

John Day, OR - The continuing dry weather and high fire danger has caused the Malheur National Forest to raise the Industrial Fire Precaution Level to IFPL III and to restrict the activities that could cause a fire, announced Rob Batten, Deputy Fire Management Officer. The fire restrictions will be in effect beginning at 12:01 am, on Wednesday morning, July 23 until further notice and will affect the entire Malheur National Forest.

Under Public Use Restrictions, the following restrictions apply:

- Visitors are not allowed to have an open campfire or charcoal grill except in specific designated recreation sites.
- No fires are allowed in the Monument Rock or Strawberry Mountain Wildernesses.
- Off-road vehicle travel and firewood cutting are not allowed.
- The use of chainsaws, generators and other internal combustion engines in timber, grass, or brush is prohibited.
- Smoking is not permitted while traveling through timber, brush, or grass.
- Liquid gas stoves and heaters are allowed.
- Smoking is only permitted in an enclosed vehicle, building, or within specific developed recreation sites. Smoking is also allowed while stopped in an area that is at least three feet in diameter and is cleared of all flammable material.
- Generators may be used if in a clear, dirt circle no less than 10 feet in diameter, or in the bed of a pickup that has been cleared of flammable material.

Under IFPL III the following are prohibited, except as indicated:

- Cable Yarding - exception: gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages may operate between 8 PM and 1 PM when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers;
- Power Saws - exception: power saws may be used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 PM and 1 PM local time.

In addition, the following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 PM and 1 PM local time:

- Tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline are immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start;
- Mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material; welding or cutting of metal;
- Any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

For more information about fire restrictions on the National Forests call Malheur National Forest, 541-575-3000; Umatilla National Forest, 541-278-3716; Ochoco National Forest, 541-416-6500 or Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, 541-523-6391.

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DESIGNATED RECREATION SITES

EMIGRANT RANGER DISTRICT

Idlewild Campground
Yellowjacket Campground
Rock Springs Camp (T.18S. R.32E. Sec24)
Delintment Campground
Falls Campground
Emigrant Campground
Joaquin Miller Campground
Buck Spring Campground

PRAIRIE CITY RANGER DISTRICT

Strawberry Campground
Trout Farm Campground
Big Creek Campground
North Fork Campground
Elk Creek Campground
Crescent Campground
Little Crane Campground
Murray Campground
Slide Horse Camp

BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

Canyon Meadows Campground
Wickiup Campground
Parish Cabin Campground
Starr Campground
Dixie Campground
Middle Fork Campground
Lower Camp Creek Campground
Magone Lake Campground
Deerhorn Campground
Oregon Mine Campground
Billy Fields Campground