



# Malheur National Forest

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## **MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST REDUCES IFPL ON NORTH ZONE PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS TO REMAIN IN EFFECT**

John Day, OR – Effective at 0001, Saturday, August 22, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) on the North Zone of the Malheur National Forest will be lowered to IFPL 2. The South Zone will remain at an IFPL 3, announced Jeff Pendleton, Malheur Fire Management Officer. However, public use restrictions remain in effect on the entire Malheur National Forest - campfires are only allowed in designated recreation sites and woodcutting is still prohibited.

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Under IFPL 2, the following may operate only between the hours of 8 PM and 1 PM local time:

- Power saws (except at loading sites)
- Cable Yarding
- Blasting
- Welding or cutting of metal

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.

“The change in the weather has reduced though not eliminated the risk of wildfire,” said Pendleton. “Therefore, we are still asking visitors to be extremely cautious with anything that could start a fire. Historically, unattended campfires, or campfires that have not been completely extinguished, have been our biggest human caused reason for wildfires. Campers and visitors to the forest are urged to make sure their campfires are completely put out and not left unattended.”

Updated information will be posted on the Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur) as changes are made, or you may call 541-575-3000 for further information.

To report a forest fire, call Malheur National Forest Dispatch at 541-575-1321.

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