

# News Release

## Umatilla National Forest

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### **Occupancy Regulations Updated at Developed Campgrounds on the Umatilla National Forest**

**Pendleton, OR:** Regulations pertaining to campsite occupancy have been updated for developed campgrounds on the Umatilla National Forest. The new regulations are designed to reduce overcrowding, prevent resource damage, increase public and employee safety, and maintain a quality camping experience for the public.

“Our new regulations set a limit to the number of people, campers, tents and other vehicles allowed in a designated campsite,” said Larry Randall, Forest Recreation Staff Officer. Individual campsites will be limited to no more than:

- eight persons camping per campsite,
- two tents and/or trailers per campsite,
- two vehicles (with the exception of motorcycles bicycles, or 4 wheeled ATVs) per campsite,

Larger multiple-occupancy campsites are available at some campgrounds and will be posted with individual occupancy limit restrictions depending on the size of the campsite.

In addition, some campgrounds will have a few “tent only” designated sites. Restricting the use of camp trailers at these sites will prevent resource damage and unnecessary congestion.

Another new regulation is restricting entry into developed campgrounds between the hours of 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM for people who are not occupying a campsite. Restricting night time access will reduce party type situations and decrease the potential for criminal activity.

The new regulations are only applicable at campgrounds where they are posted. The regulations will be posted at the entrance fee station and at specific campsites.

For more information, please visit any Umatilla National Forest Office or contact the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton, OR at (541) 278-3716.