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Fire Danger Level Rises Even Higher On Public Lands

LAKEVIEW – The Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) will increase to IFPL 3 on Saturday, July 21. This applies to federal lands protected by the Fremont-Winema National Forests and the Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Under IFPL 3, individuals with personal and commercial use firewood permits are prohibited from using power saws.

“We’ve managed to keep a large number of lightning caused fires at bay so far this summer,” said Ed Guzman, Interagency Deputy Fire Staff for the Fremont-Winema National Forests and BLM Lakeview District. “This increased fire danger level is necessary to reduce the risk of human caused fires during continued dry conditions. By following these fire precaution requirements, this is just one way people can do their part to help prevent wildfires.”

The U.S. Forest Service and BLM would also like to remind everyone that public use restrictions are still in effect. Additional information on IFPL 3 and public use restrictions can be found at the following Web sites:

<http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/kfifc/intel.html>

<http://www.scofmp.org/index.html>

For more information about how you can prevent wildfires, contact your local Forest Service, BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Park Service or Oregon Department of Forestry office.

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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