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Fire Danger Rises to Highest Level on Public Lands

Lakeview -- The Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) will increase to IFPL 4 on Saturday, Aug. 11. This applies to federal lands protected by the Fremont-Winema National Forests and the Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

“South central Oregon has had no relief from the hot dry weather plaguing the region,” said Ed Guzman, Acting Interagency Fire Staff for the Fremont-Winema National Forests and BLM Lakeview District. “With little moisture and continued high temperatures, it was necessary for both the Forest Service and BLM to raise the area’s fire danger level to the highest fire precaution.”

Under IFPL 4, individuals with personal and commercial use firewood permits are prohibited from using power saws. The U.S. Forest Service and BLM would also like to remind everyone to adhere to all public use restrictions currently in effect.

The following public use restrictions apply to both Forest Service and BLM lands:

- Campfire and stove fires are allowed only at designated campgrounds. This includes the use of charcoal briquettes, liquefied fuel or bottled fuel.
- Smoking is only allowed in an enclosed vehicle, building, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is void of all flammable material.
- No welding equipment may be used, including acetylene or open flame torches.

Public use restrictions that only apply to BLM:

- Vehicles (this includes all terrain vehicles, motorcycles, cars, pickups, etc.) are only allowed on roadways clear of flammable material.
- All vehicles must carry one shovel not less than 26 inches in overall length, with a blade not less than eight inches wide; one gallon of water or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher; and one axe with a handle at least 26 inches in length and a head weight of not less than two pounds.
- Vehicles parked off roadways must be in an area barren of flammable materials.



- Chain saw operation is prohibited.

Public use restrictions that only apply to Forest Service:

- Chain saws, generators and other internal combustion engines may only be operated on roadways clear of vegetation or within a designated area.
- Vehicles must remain on National Forest System roads

Forest Service and BLM have designated areas exempt from public use restrictions. For a list of those specific areas please contact your local Forest Service or BLM office.

Additional information on IFPL 4 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 concerning current fire conditions and restrictions, please 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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