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## Officials Remind the Public to Leave Fireworks at Home

**EASTERN IDAHO**— The Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center is encouraging area residents to spend the Fourth of July weekend on public lands, but is reminding them to leave fireworks at home.

Possessing or using fireworks on public lands is illegal, and violators will be issued a citation that holds up to \$5000 or six months in jail or both. Individuals responsible for starting a wildfire on public lands will be held responsible for the cost of putting the fire out, resource damage and rehabilitation to the land.

“The danger of wildfires this year is extreme, and sparks from even a small type of firework could start a major wildfire,” said Ken Rice, Patrol Captain for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. “Already we are starting to see fireworks being used on public lands and have already issued several tickets. We take these violations seriously and will issue tickets for possession and use of fireworks. Even possessing fireworks on public lands will be ticketed and ALL fireworks will be confiscated.”

For more information on area conditions or current fire information, please visit [www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov/east/](http://www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov/east/), click on “fire information” or “fire danger”.