



# John Day Interagency Dispatch News Release

Malheur National Forest

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## **PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS MODIFIED TO ALLOW FIREWOOD CUTTING ON THE MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST**

**John Day, OR** - Cooler temperatures have reduced, though not eliminated, the risk of wildland fire, announced Rob Batten, Deputy Fire Management Officer. As a result of the cooler temperatures Public Use Restrictions have been modified to allow firewood cutting in both the north and south zones of the Malheur National Forest beginning at 0001, Friday, September 5. However, both zones remain at an IFPL 2 and firewood cutters are reminded that a 1-hour fire watch is required as a condition of their permit.

“Forest conditions are still very dry, and fire danger continues to be high, especially at lower elevations,” said Batten. “With the beginning of hunting season and the current dry conditions, the threat of human caused fires increases, therefore other Public Use Restrictions will remain in place.”

Public-use restrictions prohibit the following:

- Building, maintaining, tending, or using a fire, campfire, and wood stove and briquette fires outside of designated recreation sites. When building a campfire at a designated site, hunters, campers, and visitors are asked to comply with fire restrictions and to ensure that their campfire is completely extinguished before leaving it unattended. The list of designated recreation sites is located on the Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur/fire/des-rec-sites.shtml>.
- No fires are allowed in the Monument Rock or Strawberry Mountain Wildernesses.
- Off-road vehicle travel is not allowed.
- The use of generators, and other internal combustion engines in timber, grass, or brush is prohibited.
- Smoking is not permitted while traveling through timber, brush, or grass. Smoking is only permitted in an enclosed vehicle, building, or within specific developed recreation sites. Smoking is also allowed while stopped in an area that is at least three feet in diameter and is cleared of all flammable material.
- Liquid gas stoves and heaters are allowed.
- Generators may be used if in a clear, dirt circle no less than 10 feet in diameter or in the bed of a pickup that has been cleared of flammable material.

Motorized travel on segments of road where access is blocked by gate, barricade, log, boulder, or earthen berm is also prohibited.

A regulated closure on private land protected by Oregon Department of Forestry in northeast Oregon remains in effect. Complete information on ODF’s regulated closure is available on the web at: [http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/public\\_use\\_restrictions.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/public_use_restrictions.shtml) or at their nearest office.

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*(A list of designated recreation sites is on the back of this page)*

**MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST  
DESIGNATED RECREATION SITES**

**EMIGRANT RANGER DISTRICT**

Idlewild Campground  
Yellowjacket Campground  
Rock Springs Camp (T.18S. R.32E. Sec24)  
Delintment Campground  
Falls Campground  
Emigrant Campground  
Joaquin Miller Campground  
Buck Spring Campground

**PRAIRIE CITY RANGER DISTRICT**

Strawberry Campground  
Trout Farm Campground  
Big Creek Campground  
North Fork Campground  
Elk Creek Campground  
Crescent Campground  
Little Crane Campground  
Murray Campground  
Slide Horse Camp

**BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT**

Canyon Meadows Campground  
Wickiup Campground  
Parish Cabin Campground  
Starr Campground  
Dixie Campground  
Middle Fork Campground  
Lower Camp Creek Campground  
Magone Lake Campground  
Deerhorn Campground  
Oregon Mine Campground  
Billy Fields Campground  
Deer Creek Guard Station Rental