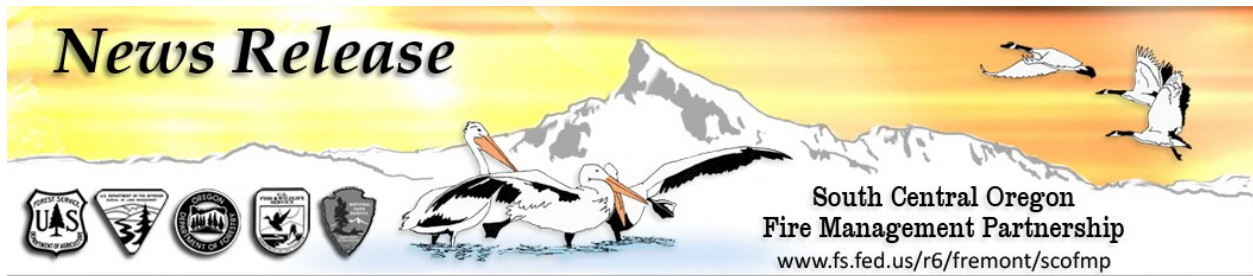


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## MOISTURE BRINGS FIRE DANGER RELIEF

**Lakeview** – The Fremont-Winema National Forests (Forest Service) and the Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have rescinded all public use restrictions on Forest Service and BLM lands in south central Oregon.

However, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is still under regulated use closure. This includes BLM lands protected by ODF west of Highway 97, and the Swan Lake and Stukel Mountain areas east of Highway 97.

“We’ve been getting enough moisture throughout the area to lift public use restrictions,” said Ed Guzman, Interagency Deputy Fire Staff for the Forest Service and BLM. “This will allow hunters, campers and firewood cutters the ability to get to where they want to be with a decreased risk of igniting a wildfire.”

The following activities are currently allowed on both Forest Service and BLM lands in south central Oregon:

- Building campfires and lighting stove fires (including the use of charcoal briquettes, liquefied fuel or bottled fuel);
- Smoking outside of vehicles or buildings; and
- Operating welding equipment (including acetylene or open flame torches), chain saws, generators and other internal combustion engines.

Although public use restrictions are presently lifted on public lands, the Forest Service and BLM would like to remind everyone to continue to be mindful of fire. Be sure to completely put out campfires leaving the site cold to the touch. Also, ensure cigarettes, cigars and tobacco pipes are fully extinguished.

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. Additional information may be found at the following Web sites:

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

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

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