



BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE

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INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION UP TO LEVEL 4

BURNS, Oregon – On Monday, July 16, the Burns Interagency Fire Zone will move from an Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 3 to a level 4, general shutdown. Increasing the IFPL to a level 4 stops all industrial operations and bans all firewood cutting on public lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone.

A regulated fire closure remains in effect across Harney County, allowing campfires only in designated campgrounds and prohibiting off-road vehicle travel, smoking out of doors, and parking a vehicle or operating an internal combustion motor in an area not free of vegetation.

Burns Interagency Communications Center Manager Jonathan Manski said, "We've had significant wildfire activity over the past 2 weeks and a long period of extremely hot and dry weather. Implementing the general shutdown and keeping the public use restrictions in place will give us the best chance of limiting *human-caused* fires when weather and fuel conditions are at their driest."

Fire Danger in the Burns Interagency Fire Zone is EXTREME.

Travelers are advised to remain clear of wildfire areas and report any new fire incident to the Burns Interagency Communication Center at 541-573-1000. Information on existing wildfires with the Burns Interagency Fire Zone can be found online at www.inciweb.org, or by calling (541) 573-4519.

