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**EASTERN PORTIONS OF THE PRINEVILLE DISTRICT BLM AREA RAISES  
INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION TO LEVEL III  
PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS ALSO GO INTO EFFECT**

John Day, OR - The continuing dry weather and high fire danger has prompted land managers for the Malheur National Forest and the east side portion of the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management to raise the Industrial Fire Precaution Level to "IFPL III", and to restrict the activities that could cause a fire. The fire restrictions will be in effect beginning at 12:01 am, on Wednesday morning, July 23 until further notice. The restrictions affect the following described BLM lands in Grant County subject to the same IFPL and Public Use Restrictions also being initiated by the Malheur NF:

All Prineville BLM lands south of County Rd 402, and east of: State Hwy 19 from Kimberley to its southern termini, thence on State Hwy 26 to Dayville, thence south on State Hwy 42 and BLM's South Fork of the John Day Road to its junction with State Hwy 68, thence south on State Hwy 68 to the boundary of the Malheur National Forest.

Under Public Use Restrictions, the following restrictions apply:

- Visitors are not allowed to have an open campfire or charcoal grill except in specific designated recreation sites.
- Off-road vehicle travel and firewood cutting are not allowed.
- The use of chainsaws, generators and other internal combustion engines in timber, grass, or brush is prohibited.
- Smoking is not permitted while traveling through timber, brush, or grass.
- Liquid gas stoves and heaters are allowed.
- 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.

Under IFPL III the following are prohibited, except as indicated:

- Cable Yarding - exception: gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages may operate between 8 PM and 1 PM when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers;
- Power Saws - exception: power saws may be used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 PM and 1 PM local time.

In addition, the following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 PM and 1 PM local time:

- Tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline are immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start;
- Mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material; welding or cutting of metal;
- Any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

For a vicinity map of the restricted BLM lands, visit the Prineville BLM website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/index.php> For more information about current fire restrictions in Central Oregon, visit the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center website at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire) or call 1-800-523-4737.

**To report fires or fireworks violations, call 9-1-1.**

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