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Public Use Restrictions Go Into Effect For South Central Oregon

LAKEVIEW -- Due to the high fire danger in south central Oregon, public use restrictions will be in effect starting at 12:01 a.m. PDT on Friday, July 13. These restrictions apply to lands managed by the Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Fremont-Winema National Forests (Forest Service).

“These fire restrictions are being imposed to limit human caused wildfires,” said Ed Guzman, Interagency Deputy Fire Staff for the Lakeview BLM and Fremont-Winema National Forests. “With high temperatures and continued dry conditions, these restrictions will be in place until further notice.”

BLM and Forest Service have designated some recreation, wilderness and camping areas exempt from public use restrictions. For a list of those specific areas please contact your local BLM or Forest Service office. In addition, individual exemptions may be granted to those with an authorized permit.

The following public use restrictions apply to both BLM and Forest Service lands:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire (including charcoal briquettes, liquefied fuel or bottled fuel) are allowed only at designated campgrounds.
- Smoking is only allowed in an enclosed vehicle, building or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is void of all flammable material.
- No welding equipment may be used, including acetylene or open flame torches.

Public use restrictions that only apply to BLM:

- Vehicles (this includes all terrain vehicles, motorcycles, cars, pickups, etc.) are only allowed on roadways clear of flammable material.



- All vehicles must carry one shovel not less than 26 inches in overall length, with a blade not less than eight inches wide; one gallon of water or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher; and one axe with a handle at least 26 inches in length and a head weight of not less than two pounds.
- Vehicles parked off roadways must be in an area barren of flammable materials.
- Chain saw operation is prohibited.

Public use restrictions that only apply to Forest Service:

- Internal combustion engines (chain saws, generators, etc.) may only be operated on roadways clear of vegetation or within a designated area. All woodcutting activities must comply with permit terms and conditions.
- Vehicles must remain on National Forest System roads.

In addition, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has detailed regulated closures in effect on ODF protected land. To find out about these closures, call 541-883-5681 or 541-947-3311.

For more information about how you can prevent wildfires, contact your local BLM, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Park Service or Oregon Department of Forestry office.

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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