



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
VALE DISTRICT
100 Oregon Street
Vale, Oregon 97918
www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale

IN REPLY REFER TO:
9212

Notice of Emergency Fire Prevention Orders on Public Land within the Vale District, Oregon.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, Oregon.
ACTION: Emergency Fire Prevention Orders for public land within the Vale District, Oregon.
SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily prohibiting some activities and uses of the public lands during periods of extreme fire danger. This regulation is necessary due to limited fire suppression resources to protect natural resources and the public's health and safety.
DATES: Thursday, August 24, 2006, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: These orders will apply to **all** public lands administered by the Vale District Bureau of Land Management. The BLM has increased the fire precaution level to level IV. The BLM has determined that these orders are necessary due to limited suppression resources to protect natural resources and provide for public safety. Under 43 CFR 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following orders on the public lands within the Vale District, Oregon.

Orders to be enforced:

1. **You must not ignite or possess any fireworks.**
2. **You must not build, maintain or attend campfires. Open fires are prohibited including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires except within the existing metal fire rings located at the following Recreation sites, Westfall, Airstrip, Bob Creek and Carters Landing, in Baker County or Chukar Park in Malheur County. NOTE: Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted in the designated campgrounds listed above.**
3. **Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, or at a cleared area. A cleared area is barren of all flammable materials of at least a 3 foot diameter.**
4. **Use of all motorized vehicles are prohibited, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, except on improved roads maintained and clear of flammable material. This prohibits cross-country travel until this order is rescinded. You must not operate a motorized vehicle upon public lands without the following fire fighting equipment, one shovel not less than 26" in overall length, with a blade not less than 8" wide, and a container with at least one gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher.**
5. **You must not park your vehicle or operate any type of internal combustion engine (generators, chainsaw, weed eaters etc.) in an area that is not clear of all flammable material. Electrical generators can be operated under the following conditions: In the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material, or when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.**
6. **As of 00:01, on Thursday, August 24, 2006 the Industrial Fire Precaution Level will change to Level IV. At this level all industrial operations on the Vale District are prohibited.**

PENALTIES: On public lands, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)) and 43 CFR 9212.4, any person who violates any of these supplementary rules within the boundaries established in the rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3 (a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

David R. Henderson
Vale District Manager