



BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE

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INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL ON THE RISE

HINES, Oregon – Continuous hot, dry temperatures and the increased risk of wildfire have promoted Federal officials to tighten use restrictions within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ). On Tuesday, July 10, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) will move from a level 2 to a level 3, Partial Shutdown.

IFPL 3 prohibits the following except as indicated:

- cable yarding - except for gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages operating between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers;
- power saws - except power saws used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time.

In addition, the following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. 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 are permitted;
- mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material; blasting;
- welding or cutting of metal;
- any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

Lightning ignited over 30 new wildfires in Harney County on July 6. Over a dozen are located between Dry Mountain and Bald Butte, approximately 10 miles north of Riley, Oregon. An additional complex of 6 fires is reported around Calamity Butte, approximately 20 miles northwest of Burns, Oregon, and two more incidents are in the Drewsey, Oregon and Bartlett Mountain vicinity. More hot and dry weather along with scattered mainly-dry thunderstorms are expected for this afternoon and evening. Continuous winds with gusts up to 40 miles per hour are also predicted.

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

Fire Danger in the Burns Interagency Fire Zone is VERY HIGH and a regulated fire closure remains in effect on all BLM-administered lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone.

