



BIFZ

Burns Interagency Fire Zone



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Industrial Fire Precaution up to Level 4

BURNS, Oregon – As of 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, August 2, the Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ) 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.

The IFPL change affects land within the BIFZ, including the Emigrant Creek Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest. Remaining portions of the Malheur National Forest will go to an IFPL 4 today, August 1. Also, a regulated fire closure on all public land within the BIFZ is in effect, 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 is rated **VERY HIGH**. Visitors recreating on public land are encouraged to use extreme caution and report any wildfire immediately by calling (541) 573-1000.

For further information on current fire activity or public use restrictions, call (541) 573-4519. For 24-hour recorded fire information, call (541) 573-4555.

