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PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Industrial fire precaution drops to 1

Hines, Ore. – Cooler temperatures and a bit of moisture have allowed U.S. Bureau of Land Management fire officials to reduce the Industrial Fire Precaution Level to 1, effective immediately. In addition, all fire restrictions and regulated fire closures have been lifted on BLM-administered lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ).


With the reduced restrictions, many activities on public land can resume after a period of closure during fire season. Firewood cutting and machine operation are now permitted, with a one hour fire watch required after shut-down. Also, campfires outside established campgrounds are allowed in areas clear of flammable vegetation and cold to the touch when left unattended. Ignition of fireworks on public land remains prohibited.

BIFZ Fire Management Officer Ken Higle said, “The removal of public use restrictions does not eliminate the potential for wildfire. Fire danger does still exist and all travelers are encouraged to take extreme care when visiting public lands this fall.”

For more information on fire restrictions, regulated fire closures, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level or current fire activity, call (541) 573-4545. To report a wildfire, call (541) 573-1000.

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