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Remaining Fire Restrictions Lifted on Federal Lands in Central Oregon

Central Oregon – After receiving rain over most of the forest, officials with the Deschutes National Forest have made the decision to lift public fire use restrictions, effective 12:01 a.m. October 16, 2012 (Tuesday). With this change, all public use restrictions will have been lifted on lands administered by the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests, including the Crooked River National Grassland, and the Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management.

Also effective 12:01 a.m. October 16, 2012 (Tuesday), the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) will drop to a Level I on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests, Crooked River National Grassland and the Prineville BLM. Industrial Fire Precaution Levels govern permitted commercial and industrial operations on public lands such as woodcutting, off-road travel, road maintenance, welding, and timber cutting operations including felling, cable yarding, and loading.

While restrictions are dropping across the state, some restrictions may still be in place. People traveling to work or recreate in other parts of the state should remember to call before they travel to find out what restrictions are in place before having a campfire or cutting firewood.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. The USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

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