



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # 06-16-04-20-08



ORDER SNAKE RIVER FIRE RESTRICTIONS -SUMMER WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are **prohibited** on all National Forest System Lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, in the State of Oregon and Idaho within a ¼ mile of the Snake River between Hells Canyon Dam, River Mile 247.5, downstream to the Oregon-Washington border at Snake River Mile 176.0. This Order is effective from 8/18/2020 12:01 am, until 9/30/2020 and from 06/01/2021 until 9/30/2021 or until rescinded.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), 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 member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person is exempt from prohibition 1 (above) when using a fire fueled by charcoal where the fire is contained in a firepan, defined as a device made of fire-resistant material or metal, with raised edges of height sufficient to contain all residue from the charcoal fuel and where flammable vegetation is cleared a minimum 3 feet away from the firepan on all sides.
4. Any person is exempt from Prohibition 1 (above) when using a fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels and flammable vegetation is cleared a minimum 3 feet away from open flame on all sides.
5. Any person is exempt from Prohibition 1 (above) when using a wood burning stove equipped with a chimney, minimum 5-foot length, spark arresting screen, consisting of ¼-inch mesh hardware cloth, and remove all flammable vegetation within a 3 foot radius, including overhanging material.

Any persons exempt from Prohibition 1 (above) under exemptions 3, 4, or 5 must attend the fire at all times and completely extinguish the fire prior to leaving. Persons with fires are required to have a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession. The intent of this requirement is to ensure individuals with a fire to have the tools necessary to completely extinguish their fire.

Executed at Baker City, Oregon, this 17th day of August, 2020

Tom Montoya
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest



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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background:

The Blue Mountain Fire Danger Operating Plan analyzed historic weather and fire occurrence and fire size. During the summer months in Hells Canyon (Snake River) high temperatures combined with fine fuels (grass) and very limited access frequently results in fires that have grown to several 1000 acres or greater in short periods of time and with little or no warning. These restrictions have been deemed necessary to mitigate the risk posed by human ignitions along the river corridor.

2. Intent of Subpart B Order:

These restrictions are intended to reduce the occurrence of human caused wildfires.

3. Enforcement Plan:

This order will be enforceable by LEOs, FPOs and Special agents. Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.

4. Posting:

The forest and district staff is responsible for posting this order in a reasonable manner.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO	
Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Officers will normally not issue citations unless the affected areas are adequately posted. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.	Law Enforcement Personnel/Forest Protection Officers	Upon Approval

Tom Montoya
Forest Supervisor

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Patrol Captain