



Malheur National Forest

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DON'T SPARK A FIRE!

JOHN DAY, OR – With the Fourth of July weekend coming up visitors and recreationists to Malheur National Forest are asked to help avoid wildfires, announced Doug Gochnour, Forest Supervisor.

"We would like to remind everyone that fireworks are prohibited on all federal lands and we ask all visitors to Malheur National Forest to be extra careful with anything that could start a fire," Gochnour said. "Fireworks at this time of the year are a big concern for federal land management officials. That seemingly harmless sparkler, as well as the bigger combustible devices like rockets and Roman Candles can start a fire and we want all visitors to enjoy being out on their public lands without the threat of wildfires."

Currently there are not any public use restrictions in effect but we ask that visitors pay special attention to campfires and make sure they are completely extinguished before leaving your campsite or the forest.

The Fourth of July weekend is also a great opportunity to take advantage of the numerous recreation opportunities on the 1.7 million acre Malheur National Forest, whether it is hiking, bicycling, horseback riding , fishing, viewing wildlife or picnicking - just to name a few!

Places to explore on the Malheur National Forest include Vinegar Hill and Indian Rock Scenic areas, Magone Lake, Strawberry and Monument Rock Wildernesses, or if you are heading south, Delintment Lake on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District. Additionally, there are numerous scenic loops that visitors can drive offering opportunities for viewing wildlife.

If you would like to find out more about the different recreational opportunities on the Malheur National Forest, please stop in at any of our offices, visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur or give us a call at (541)575-3000.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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