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A Reminder: No Fireworks or Exploding Targets Allowed on the Colville National Forest

Colville, Washington: Colville National Forest Supervisor, Rodney Smoldon is reminding visitors and campers that the use of all fireworks and exploding targets are prohibited on the Colville National Forests.

Fireworks, exploding targets and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited on national forests in Oregon and Washington year-round, regardless of weather conditions or holidays.

“While all of us enjoy fireworks during the summer holidays, federal law prohibits their use on the National Forests. Fireworks represent a real threat to our forests especially with the hot, dry weather we have been having,” said Rodney Smoldon, Colville National Forest Supervisor.

Regulations are enforced, and violation is punishable as a misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.

Forest visitors are also reminded to ensure that all fires are extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving them. For more information contact your local forest service ranger station.

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