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Malheur National Forest  
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## ***IFPL and Public Use Restrictions Increase on the South Half of the Malheur National Forest***

**JOHN DAY, Ore.** – Effective Monday, July 18, 2016, the South Zone (*Emigrant Creek Ranger District*) of the Malheur National Forest will move to a Fire Danger Rating of High and an Industrial Fire Precaution Level 2 (IFPL II), implementing that the following may operate only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time:

- Power saws except at loading sites
- Cable yarding
- Blasting
- Welding or cutting of metal.

The North Zone (*Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts*) of the Forest will remain at a Moderate Fire Danger Rating.

Additionally, the South Zone will move into Phase A of Public Use Restrictions. The following conditions will apply:

**Phase A** (indicators are Adjective fire danger MODERATE to HIGH; IFPL level II or III)

### **Seasonal Campfire Restrictions and Requirements**

Campfires allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread, at a minimum clear of flammable material within a radius of 5 feet from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible.

- a. Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished prior to leaving.
- b. Persons with campfires are required to have an axe, shovel, and one gallon of water in their possession (except in specified developed recreation sites).
- c. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled gas and wood burning stoves equipped with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length with a spark-arresting screen consisting of ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth are allowed.
- d. Use of charcoal briquettes is permitted within the clearing requirements outlined above.



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**Chainsaws may be operated only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time.** A one hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease. Saw operators are required to have an axe, shovel, and fire extinguisher in their possession.

- a. This order is exempt for Persons who possess a valid Personal Use Firewood Permit or other special use permit allowing chainsaw use and must follow the conditions outlined in their permit.

**Smoking** allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, or areas cleared of flammable material with a minimum clearance of 3 feet.

**No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel** or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material; no vehicle travel on those FS roads where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berm, logs, boulders, barrier, barricade or gate, or as otherwise identified in the Fire Order. Off-road/off-trail travel to access firewood as allowed under firewood permit is exempt.

The public is responsible for knowing if restrictions are in place and can obtain information by calling the Forest or District offices at:

- Malheur National Forest Supervisors/Blue Mountain Ranger District Offices: 541-575-3000
- Prairie City Ranger District: 541-820-3800
- Emigrant Creek Ranger District: 541-573-4300

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To report a wildfire call:

- John Day Interagency Dispatch Center: 541-575-1321
- Burns Interagency Dispatch Center: 541-573-1000

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