

# Public Use Restrictions Malheur National Forest

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Restrictions include both seasonal and phased- in requirements as conditions warrant. The fire danger adjective and IFPL are used as indicators to consider when implementing phased restrictions. A List of designated recreation sites and campgrounds is on page 3.

## **Seasonal Restrictions, June 1 –October 31**

1. **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 all flammable material within a radius of 3 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 a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession (except in specified developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit A). The intent of this requirement is to ensure individuals with a campfire to have the tools necessary to completely extinguish their campfire per “a” above.
  - 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 under the same restrictions as campfires as described above.

Within designated wilderness areas users are encouraged to locate fires such that minimal disturbance would be necessary to meet the clearing requirements identified. Naturally cleared areas, previously used sites, and areas where vegetation is non-flammable (green grass) are examples. Possession of a typical backpacking folding shovel (commercially available) meets the intent of a tool as described in item “b” above.

## **Phase A**

### **Prohibited Activities Include:**

1. Operating a chainsaw outside 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 (minimum 2 lb. head, 26” length), shovel (8” wide, 26” length), and fire extinguisher (minimum ABC 8 oz.) in their possession.
2. Seasonal Campfire Restrictions and Requirements described for June 1-October 31 apply.
3. Smoking, except within enclosed vehicles and buildings, or areas cleared of flammable material with a minimum clearance of 3 feet.
4. Operating a motorized vehicle off National Forest System roads.
5. Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads where vegetation or other flammable material comes into contact with the vehicle’s undercarriage.
6. Being on a closed National Forest System road where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berm, logs, boulders, barrier, barricade or gate.

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### Phase B

**1.** Campfires allowed only in developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit A (revised annually). This restriction applies to building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal briquettes or stove fire except for liquefied or bottled gas stoves and heaters.

- a. Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished prior to leaving.
- b. Persons with campfires are required to have a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession (except in specified developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit A).
- c. 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 in developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit A.

**2.** No internal combustion engine operation, except motor vehicles. Chainsaw use is prohibited, valid personal firewood permit or other special use permit holders must follow conditions outlined in their permit. Electrical generators operated under the following conditions are allowed:

- a. in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material, or;
- b. when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or;
- c. when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material;

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

**4.** Operating a motorized vehicle off National Forest System roads.

**5.** Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads where vegetation or other flammable material comes into contact with the vehicle's undercarriage.

**6.** Being on a closed National Forest System road where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berm, logs, boulders, barrier, barricade or gate.

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## Phase C

1. Campfires not allowed. Liquid and bottle gas stoves only.
2. No internal combustions engine operation, except motor vehicles. Chainsaw use is prohibited, valid personal firewood permit or other special use permit holders must follow conditions outlined in their permit.

Electrical generators operated under the following conditions are allowed:

- a. in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material, or;
  - b. when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or;
  - c. when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material
3. Smoking allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, or areas cleared of flammable material with a minimum clearance of 3 feet.
  4. 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.

## EXHIBIT A- DESIGNATED RECREATION SITES

### Emigrant Creek Ranger District

Idlewild Campground\*\*  
Yellowjacket Campground\*\*  
Rock Springs Campground  
Delintment Lake Campground\*\*  
Falls Campground  
Emigrant Campground  
Joaquin Miller Campground  
Buck Spring Campground Tip  
Top Campground

### Prairie City Ranger District

Strawberry Campground  
Trout Farm Campground  
Big Creek Campground  
North Fork Campground  
Elk Creek Campground  
Crescent Campground  
Little Crane Campground  
Murray Campground  
Slide Horse Camp  
Slide Creek Campground

### Blue Mountain Ranger District

Wickiup Campground  
Parish Cabin Campground  
Starr Campground  
Dixie Campground  
Middle Fork Campground  
Lower Camp Creek Campground  
Magone Lake Campground\*\*  
Deerhorn Campground  
Oregon Mine Campground  
Billy Fields Campground

### Recreation Rentals

Murderers Creek Cabin  
Short Creek Guard Station  
Sunshine Cabin  
Deer Creek Guard Station

\*\*Indicates campgrounds that are exempt from the requirements to have a shovel, axe and one gallon of water.