



NOTICE



PHASE A PUBLIC-USE RESTRICTIONS

On the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Beginning October 10, 2020 until further notice



Use of Chainsaws: 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 (minimum 2 lb head, 26" length), shovel (8" wide, 26" length), and fire extinguisher (minimum ABC 8 oz) in their possession. This prohibition does not apply to personal-use and commercial firewood permit holders operating under the terms of their permit.



Traveling off Developed Forest Roads and Trails is Prohibited, except for the purpose of parking in an area free of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway. All motorized travel on roads closed by gates, barricades, berms, rocks, or logs is prohibited.



No Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

To reduce the risk of escaped fires the following are required for campfires, charcoal briquette fires, wood stoves, portable cook stoves, portable fire pits, and gas stoves:

Campfires and charcoal briquette fires are required to be contained in an earthen pit, metal fire ring, or rock ring, with all combustible material removed within a 3-foot radius of the perimeter of the fire ring, and it must be clear of overhanging material. Wood burning stoves must be equipped with a chimney at least 5 feet in length with a spark arresting screen consisting of ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth. All combustible material must be removed within a 5-foot radius of the perimeter of the stove.

Portable cooking stoves or portable fire pits that use liquefied or bottled gas as fuel must have all combustible material removed within a 5-foot radius of the perimeter of the stove.

Campfires are not allowed at 22 lakes (identified on the back of permits) in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, where campfires are prohibited year-around to reduce their impact on these popular destinations and reduce the risk to public safety.

In all cases with all types of fires, a shovel, and one gallon of water is required to be present at all times, except in designated Wilderness Areas and the following developed recreation sites on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest: Anthony Lakes Campground and Picnic Area, Union Creek Campground & Picnic Area, and Fish Lake Campground.

With tinder dry forest fuels and high daytime temperatures, conditions are prime for potential human-caused forest fires. We ask that you be extremely careful when out on the forest.

For more information on public-use restrictions, contact your local Forest Service office, visit our websites; <http://bmidc.org/restrictions.shtml> or www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman

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Blue Mountain Fire Information Blog: bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com

To report a forest fire, call 911