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# FIRE UPDATE

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## Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Fire Update

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Members of the public interested in receiving fire information updates are asked to send an Email request to [WallowaWhitman1@gmail.com](mailto:WallowaWhitman1@gmail.com).

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS:** Public Use Restrictions pertaining to chainsaw use, smoking, and off-road travel on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest have been lifted. **Seasonal campfire restrictions will remain in place until October 31, 2014.** The specific PURs information can be found at the end of this document or at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/PURS>.

### \*\*CLOSURE UPDATES\*\*

- **Freezeout Ridge Fire Trail closures- For public and firefighter safety, the below trail closures remain in place. Fire Managers plan to keep the closures in effect through the weekend, and will reevaluate conditions early next week.**
  - **South Boise Trail #101 (#101A): Closed from Junction with Seven Devils Loop Trail #124 and #214 northeast to the Junction with Dog Ridge/Oxbow Trail #625 (#62)**
  - **Trail #194 (#113): Closed from Junction with Horse Heaven Trail #214 east to Junction with Trail #192/191 (#113)**
  - **Trail #114: Closed from Junction with Little Granite Creek Trail #112 southeast to Junction with Horse Heaven Trail #124 and #214.**

Forest Officials encourage everyone to be safe and careful when recreating, hunting, or using the National Forest. Please make sure campfires are dead out before leaving a site; the fire should be cold to the touch with no potential to ignite.

Forest officials also want to remind visitors to check frequently with local district offices on fires in the area and closures associated with fire activity. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has a 14-day stay limit for camping and visitors should not leave a camp unattended for more than 24 hours. Additional information on the 14-day stay limit can be found at:



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<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/wallowa-whitman/recreation/?cid=stelprdb5251602>.

### EAGLE CAP WILDERNESS

#### West Fork Fire (T4S R45E S7):

**Inciweb:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4101/>

**Current Status:** Minimal fire activity. Fire Managers continue to monitor the fire for increased activity.

#### Hurricane Creek Fire (T3S R44E S15 SE/NW):

**Inciweb:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3966/#>

#### China Cap Fire (T4S R42E S25 SE/NE):

**Inciweb:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4017/#>

**Current Status:** Minimal fire activity. Fire Managers continue to monitor the fire for increased activity.

#### Katy Mountain Fire (T4S R43E S7 SE/SW):

**Inciweb:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4062/#>

### HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

#### Freezeout Ridge Fire (Idaho side of the Snake River - T22N R2W S4):

**Inciweb:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4102/>

Managed by the Wallowa Mountains Fire Zone

**Estimated Acreage:** 3,624 acres

**Closures:** **Freezeout Ridge Fire Trail closures-** For public and firefighter safety, the below trail closures remain in place. Fire managers plan to keep the closures in effect through the weekend, and will reevaluate conditions early next week.

- **South Boise Trail #101 (#101A):** Closed from Junction with Seven Devils Loop Trail #124 and #214 northeast to the Junction with Dog Ridge/Oxbow Trail #625 (#62)
- **Trail #194 (#113):** Closed from Junction with Horse Heaven Trail #214 east to Junction with Trail #192/191 (#113)
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No public use restrictions apply in the Idaho side of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

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### Somers Fire (Oregon side of the Snake River- T3N, R50E, Sect 28, NW/SW):

InciWeb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4053/>.

### Bald Sisters Fire (Malheur NF):

InciWeb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4055/>.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Area closures and burning restrictions: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/wallowa-whitman/alerts-notice>
- Blue Mountains Interagency Dispatch Center: <http://bmidc.org>

Visit the Blue Mountains Interagency Dispatch Center (BMIDC) web site 24 hours a day at: [www.bmidc.org](http://www.bmidc.org) or [www.inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov) for current information about fires, weather, and fire closure information. For more information about the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, please call **541-523-1246** or **541-523-1302**. Public-use restrictions will be updated on a recorded message line at: **Baker City (541) 523-1234, La Grande (541) 962-8679, and Enterprise (541) 426-5552**, and are also available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman/>.

**Seasonal Campfire Restrictions** include the following but do not apply to designated Wilderness areas and specified exempted developed recreation sites (see Forest websites for exempted sites or areas). The activities that fall under the seasonal campfire restrictions include:

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 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 listed in the Forest Order).
  - 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 under #1 above.

As a reminder, there are also site-specific year-round public use regulations in effect in the following locations:

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• **Wallowa-Whitman: Grande Ronde River (WAW Forest Order T-2010-WW-0616-07):** Fire restrictions (campfire, smoking, driving off-road) are in effect on lands within a ¼ mile of the Grande Ronde River located in Wallowa county, OR.

• **Wallowa-Whitman: Snake River in Hells Canyon NRA (WAW Forest Order 207-01):** Yearlong fire restrictions (building, maintaining, attending or using fire or campfires) on land within a ¼ mile of the Snake River in Hells Canyon NRA.

o All lands within ¼ mile of Hells Canyon Reservoir between the mouth of Spring Creek and downstream to Hells Canyon Dam on the Oregon side only.

o All lands within ¼ mile of the Snake River on both sides of the river from Hells Canyon Dam downstream 71.5 river miles to the Oregon-Washington border at Snake River Mile 176.0.

• **Wallowa-Whitman: Eagle Cap Wilderness (WAW Forest Order 357-02):** Specific campfire restrictions in the Eagle Cap Wilderness such as:

o Building, maintaining, attending or using a camp fire within 100 feet of any lake or posted wetlands (36 CFR 261.52(a)).

o Building, maintaining, attending or using a camp fire within ¼ mile (1320 feet) of the following lakes: Bear Lake (Bear Cr. Area), Blue Lake, Chimney Lake, Dollar Lake, Eagle Lake, Frazier Lake, Little Frazier Lake, Glacier Lake, Hobo Lake, Ice lake, Jewett Lake, Lavery Lake, Maxwell Lake, Mirror Lake, Moccasin Lake, Prospect lake, Steamboat Lake, Sunshine Lake, Swamp Lake, Tombstone Lake, Traverse Lake, and Upper Lake. 36 CFR 261.52(a).