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# News Release

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## ***IFPL II, Public Use Restrictions at Phase A on Both Zones of the Malheur National Forest***

**JOHN DAY, OR** – Effective 12:01 a.m., Thursday Sept. 25, the entire Malheur National Forest will move to an Industrial Fire Precaution Level 2 (IFPL II), with Public Use Restrictions at Phase A.

Under the current public use fire restrictions Phase A the follow conditions apply:

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

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 Exhibit A).
  - 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.
2. **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.
3. **Smoking** allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites, or cleared areas.
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.



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Forest Officials encourage everyone to be safe and careful when recreating, hunting, or using the National Forest. **Please make sure your campfires are DEAD OUT before leaving your site;** the fire should be cold to the touch with no potential to ignite. Although temperatures are getting cooler at night, we are still in fire season; vegetation is still very dry, and the weather is still hot during the day.

**The public is responsible for knowing if restrictions are in place and can obtain information through many avenues:**

Call the Forest's offices 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

Visit the Forests website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur>

To report a wildfire call:

- John Day Interagency Dispatch Center: 1-541-575-1321
- Burns Interagency Dispatch Center: 1-541-573-1000

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