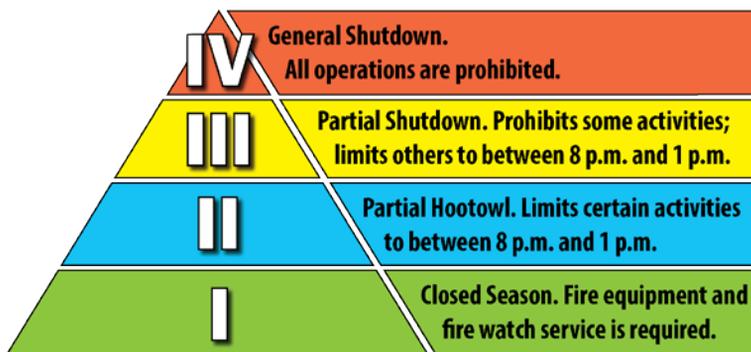


Industrial Fire Precaution Levels: In the Pacific Northwest, Oregon Dept of Forestry (west of the Cascades), US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Affairs all use the same **four-level** industrial regulation system during fire season (April 1 – October 31). This system, which helps prevent wildfires by regulating work in the woods, is known as the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) system.

Below are the levels and what they mean:

- Level I: Closed Fire Season – fire equipment and firewatch service is required.
- Level II: Partial Hoot-owl – limits certain activities to between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- Level III: Partial Shutdown – prohibits some activities altogether and limits other activities between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- Level IV: General Shutdown – All operations prohibited.



Industrial Fire Precaution Levels

National Fire Danger Rating System (PNW)

The National Fire Danger Rating System provides the technical basis for establishing the daily Industrial Fire Precaution Levels.

NFDRS characterizes fire danger by evaluating the approximate upper limit of behavior of wildfires occurring on a fire danger rating area during a 24-hour period, based on weather, topography and fuels.

The idea is to divide the continuum of fire danger into discrete class to which preplanned management actions are keyed. The designations for the classes are displayed as an adjective, **Low, Moderate, High, and Extreme.**

