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Fire Restrictions on the Klamath National Forest begin Thursday July 2nd

Yreka, CA – In order to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, fire restriction rules will begin on the Klamath National Forest starting on July 2, 2015 and continue through the end of the official 2015 fire season. These rules will apply to higher elevation areas in the Marble Mountain, Russian, Siskiyou and Trinity Wilderness areas.

“With the extremely low to non-existent snow pack of last winter, no area on the forest is free from high fire danger” said Forest Supervisor Patricia Grantham.

The following activities are now prohibited on the Klamath National Forest:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in Designated Recreation Sites listed on the attached table
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or a building, within the Designated Recreation Sites listed in the attached table, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren of all flammable material
3. Welding, operating an acetylene torch, cutting torch or a torch with an open flame
4. Using an explosive
5. Operating an internal combustion engine, except on National Forest System roads or trails, or within the Designated Recreation Sites listed in the attached table

Forest visitors should practice extra caution by extinguishing campfires (where allowed) until they are cold to the touch, dispose of cigarettes properly and be aware of anything that may cause a spark and ignite a wildfire. Please remember: Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. Persons holding a valid California Campfire permit may use a portable contained gas or liquefied-petroleum lantern or stove with a fuel shut off valve. The discharge of fireworks is always prohibited on National Forest lands.

“It is imperative that we do what we can to raise public awareness of these unprecedented conditions and prevent any human-caused spark from igniting a wildfire this summer. There is zero risk to homes, firefighters, citizens, natural resources and communities, from the fire that never starts.”

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