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# News Release

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## ***IFPL IV, Public Use Restrictions on Malheur National Forest***

**JOHN DAY, OR** – Effective 12:01 a.m., Wednesday August 19th, the entire Malheur National Forest will move to an Industrial Fire Precaution Level 4 (IFPL IV), implementing that all operations are prohibited, with the exception of log hauling.

However, the forest will remain under the current Phase B of Public Use Restrictions, where the follow conditions apply:

### **Phase B (indicators are Adjective fire danger HIGH to EXTREME; IFPL level IV)**

1. **Campfires** are allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings in developed recreation sites only, 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. **Chainsaw use prohibited**
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

For more information on the Malheur National Forest, please visit us at [www.fs.usda.gov/malheur](http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur), follow U.S. Forest Service- Malheur National Forest on Facebook, and follow @MalheurNF on Twitter for all the latest forest news.

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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