



# Malheur National Forest

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## MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST RAISES INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL AND PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS GO INTO EFFECT

John Day, OR - The continuing dry weather and high fire danger has caused the Malheur National Forest to raise the Industrial Fire Precaution Level to IFPL III and to restrict the activities that could cause a fire, announced Jeff Pendleton, Fire Management Officer. The fire restrictions will be in effect beginning at 12:01 am, on Friday morning, September 2 until further notice and will affect the entire Malheur National Forest.

Under Public Use Restrictions, the following restrictions apply:

- Visitors are not allowed to have an open campfire or charcoal grill except in specific designated recreation sites.
- No fires are allowed in the Monument Rock or Strawberry Mountain Wildernesses.
- Firewood cutting is not allowed.
- The use of chainsaws and other internal combustion engines is prohibited.
- Generators may be operated under the following conditions:
  - (a) in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of flammable material, or
  - (b) when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or
  - (c) when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Smoking is not permitted while traveling through timber, brush, or grass.
- Liquid gas stoves and heaters are allowed.
- Smoking is only permitted in an enclosed vehicle, building, or within specific developed recreation sites. Smoking is also allowed while stopped in an area that is at least three feet in diameter and is cleared of all flammable material.

Under IFPL III the following are prohibited, except as indicated:

- Cable Yarding - exception: gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages may operate between 8 PM and 1 PM when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers;
- Power Saws - exception: power saws may be used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 PM and 1 PM local time.

In addition, the following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 PM and 1 PM local time:

- Tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline are immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start;
- Mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material; welding or cutting of metal;
- Any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

For more information about fire restrictions on the National Forests call Malheur National Forest, 541-575-3000; Umatilla National Forest, 541-278-3716; Ochoco National Forest, 541-416-6500 or Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, 541-523-6391.

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## **DESIGNATED RECREATION SITES**

### **EMIGRANT RANGER DISTRICT**

Idlewild Campground  
Yellowjacket Campground  
Rock Springs Camp (T.18S. R.32E. Sec24)  
Delintment Campground  
Falls Campground  
Emigrant Campground  
Joaquin Miller Campground  
Buck Spring Campground  
Tip Top Campground

### **PRAIRIE CITY RANGER DISTRICT**

Strawberry Campground  
Trout Farm Campground  
Big Creek Campground  
North Fork Campground  
Elk Creek Campground  
Crescent Campground  
Little Crane Campground  
Murray Campground  
Slide Horse Camp

### **BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT**

Canyon Meadows Campground  
Wickiup Campground  
Parish Cabin Campground  
Starr Campground  
Dixie Campground  
Middle Fork Campground  
Lower Camp Creek Campground  
Magone Lake Campground  
Deerhorn Campground  
Oregon Mine Campground  
Billy Fields Campground