



Recreation Report

Malheur National Forest

October 5th, 2012

Visitors should prepare for all weather conditions, let someone know your plans, as well as the estimated time of return.

The IFPL level on the Malheur National Forest is 4.

UNDER IFPL 4 WOOD CUTTING IS PROHIBITED.

Public Use Restrictions are in effect on the Malheur National Forest.

For more information on IFPL levels, and Public Use Restrictions as well as the Parish Cabin Fire Closure area, please visit the Malheur National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur/>

Campgrounds:

- Parish Cabin Campground is closed until further notice.
- Water is off at Strawberry Lake Campground, Magone Lake Campground, and Big Creek Campground.
 - Water will remain on at Trout Farm Campground into November.

Trails:

- The 1640 Road to High Lake and Roads End Trailhead is open, however all secondary roads, coming off of the west of the 1640 are still closed.
- ❖ Trails on the Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts are open for the season.
- ❖ All of the trails on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District are open for the season.

****Note-** Please use caution when driving or recreating in the backcountry and primitive areas, as you may encounter: down trees, as well as muddy or exceedingly dusty roads.

John Day, OR - Effective at 0001 Wednesday August 22nd, 2012, the Malheur National Forest will go to IFPL 4, announced Roy Walker, Forest Fuels Specialist.

Due to high temperatures and low humidity we have moved into an extreme fire danger," said Walker. "We ask forest visitors to use caution when traveling on the forest and to report any fires they may see as well as violations of these restrictions."

Under IFPL 4, all industrial operations are prohibited. Firewood cutting on the Malheur National Forest is also prohibited.

Public Use Restrictions remain in place on the entire Malheur National Forest. Under Public Use the following restrictions apply:

- Visitors are not allowed to have an open campfire or charcoal grill except in specific designated recreation sites - if you are in a designated recreation site, please make sure your fire is dead out prior to leaving.
- Liquid gas stoves and heaters are allowed.
- No fires are allowed in the Monument Rock or Strawberry Mountain Wildernesses.
- The use of 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) if 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.
- 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.
- Travel restrictions under public use restrictions prohibit motor vehicles traveling off of designated Forest roads and trails.

For more information about fire restrictions on the National Forests, you may 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.

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
 Slide Horse Camp
 Murray

BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

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