



# News Release



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## LABOR DAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

**Bishop, CA** – As Labor Day weekend approaches; millions of people will visit outdoor recreation areas throughout the Eastern Sierra. In anticipation of the increased outdoor activities, the Inyo National Forest officials are urging everyone to exercise extra caution and be safe this holiday weekend.

Wildfires continue to burn in the region and much of the state remains at high risk for wildfires. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, more than 250, 000 acres have burned in California so far this year in 7,000 fires. The potential for additional large, destructive fires only increases as we approach fall. Residents and visitors to the recreational areas of the Eastern Sierra’s need to be extremely cautious and avoid starting any new fires while enjoying the last long weekend of summer with their friends and families.

A state-wide burn ban has been in effect since May 25, 2013 for all statewide responsibility areas within Inyo and Mono County. All residential “dooryard” burning, forest management, hazard abatement, and other industrial-type burning is suspended until further notice. Campfires are only allowed in designated campgrounds. Permits are required for gas stoves and lanterns in dispersed camping areas which can be obtained at visitor centers.

- Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Inyo NF and the Bishop BLM lands. (For current information on closures and fire restrictions [fs.usda.gov/inyo](http://fs.usda.gov/inyo).)
- Campfires in campgrounds only. Have a responsible person in attendance at all times while campfire in use. Ensure all campfires are completely extinguished before leaving.
- When barbequing, never leave the grill unattended.

**REMEMBER: ONE LESS SPARK – ONE LESS WILDFIRE**

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