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## **FIRE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 24, 2022**

The Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA), the Umpqua National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Roseburg District have announced that the 2022 fire season will officially begin Friday, June 24th at 12:01 AM. All private, county, state, and Bureau of Indian Affairs lands within the Douglas District as well as the public lands within the Umpqua National Forest and Roseburg District BLM are included in the fire season declaration, which imposes certain fire restrictions on the public and industrial operators to help prevent wildfires.

In addition to the declaration of fire season the DFPA will implement Public Use Restrictions Friday, and the BLM Roseburg District will issue a Fire Prevention Order for BLM-administered lands. Public use restrictions will be assessed and announced later for the Umpqua National Forest. These fire prevention restrictions are put in place to ensure fire prone activities do not start wildfires.

The following fire prevention measures will be in effect:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and at other designated locations.

- Backyard debris burning, including the use of burn barrels, is prohibited.
- Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at designated sites.

BLM designated sites: Susan Creek Campground, Tye Campground, Scaredman Campground, Eagleview Campground and Cavitt Creek Campground.

Douglas County Parks designated sites: Amacher Park, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Pass Creek Campground, Stanton Park, Chief Miwaleta Campground, and Whistler's Bend Campground.

Private Campgrounds: Seven Feathers RV Resort and Umpqua Riverfront RV Park & Boat Ramp.

- Charcoal and pellet BBQs are only allowed at fully developed and maintained residential home sites when used in areas that are free of flammable vegetation. A charged garden hose or a 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher must be immediately available. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed elsewhere.
- The use of fireworks, exploding targets, and tracer ammunition is prohibited. In addition, the use of sky lanterns is prohibited year-round in Oregon.
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on improved roads that are free of flammable vegetation. This restriction is waived on private lands during low fire danger or when vehicles are used for the culture and harvest of agricultural crops. In addition, each vehicle with three or more wheels traveling on forest roads must have an axe, a shovel, and one gallon of water or one operational 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. Motorcycles must be equipped with one gallon of water or one operational 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Any electric fence controller in use shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services and be operated in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The following restrictions are based on the official fire danger for the Douglas District, which can be found online at [www.dfpa.net](http://www.dfpa.net) or by calling DFPA's 24-hour information line at (541) 672-0379:

- The use of power saws for non-industrial purposes are allowed all day during **LOW** fire danger. This activity is permitted before 1:00 PM or after 8:00 PM during **MODERATE** fire danger and before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM during **HIGH** fire danger. During **Extreme** fire danger, non-industrial power saw use is prohibited. Each power saw is required to have a shovel and a fire extinguisher of at least 8-ounce capacity immediately available. In addition, a one-hour fire watch is required following the use of each saw. On BLM managed lands in the Roseburg District, the use of non-industrial power saws or other equipment with internal combustion engines used for felling, bucking, skidding, or wood cutting is prohibited.

- The cutting, grinding, or welding of metal for non-industrial purposes is allowed all day during **LOW** fire danger. This activity is permitted before 1:00 PM or after 8:00 PM during **MODERATE** fire danger and before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM during **HIGH** fire danger. During **EXTREME** fire danger, the cutting, grinding, or welding of metal is prohibited. These activities can only be conducted in an area free of flammable vegetation and a charged garden hose or a 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher must be immediately available. The cutting, grinding, or welding of metal is prohibited on BLM managed lands in the Roseburg District.
- The cutting, trimming, or mowing of dried, cured grass is allowed all day during **LOW** fire danger. This activity is permitted before 1:00 PM or after 8:00 PM during **MODERATE** fire danger and before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM during **HIGH** fire danger. During **Extreme** fire danger, the cutting, trimming, or mowing of dried or cured grass is prohibited. The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.
- Any non-industrial improvement or development taking place on private property that utilizes power driven machinery may operate all day during **LOW** fire danger. These activities are permitted before 1:00 PM or after 8:00 PM during **MODERATE** fire danger and before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM during **HIGH** fire danger. During **EXTREME** fire danger, these activities are prohibited unless a waiver has been issued. Each piece of power-driven machinery working is required to have a shovel and a 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. In addition, a fire watch is required for at least one hour once the equipment has completed work for the day.

The declaration of fire season also means the start of industrial fire regulations. On Friday, the entire Douglas District and the Umpqua National Forest will go into Industrial Fire Precaution Level I (one). During IFPL I, smoking is prohibited while working on, or traveling through an industrial operation. In addition, specified fire tools and suppression equipment must be on site and ready for use at all industrial operations and a fire watch is required once work has completed for the day.

Additional fire restrictions or closures may be in place through private industrial landowners or other public land management agencies on the lands they own or manage. For more information about public and industrial fire restrictions, visit the following sites:

- Douglas Forest Protective Association: [www.dfpa.net/public-fire-restrictions](http://www.dfpa.net/public-fire-restrictions)
- Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>
- Umpqua National Forest: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umpqua/alerts-notice/?cid=fsbdev3\\_056210](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umpqua/alerts-notice/?cid=fsbdev3_056210)