



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # 06-16-00-23-05



ORDER PHASE B FIRE RESTRICTIONS Wallowa-Whitman NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are **prohibited** in all National Forest System Lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, in the State of Oregon, except for the area within a ¼ mile of the Snake River between Hells Canyon Dam, River Mile 247.5, downstream to the Oregon-Washington border at Snake River Mile 176.0, which is regulated by Forest Order #06-16-04-22-01. See attached map (Exhibit A). This Order is effective from July 21, 2023, 12:01 am, through October 31, 2023, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except:
 - a. Within a designated campfire ring at a developed recreation site listed in Exhibit A;
 - b. When the fire is fueled solely by liquid petroleum or liquefied petroleum gas fuels, and flammable vegetation is cleared a minimum of 3-feet away from open flame on all sides;
 - c. When using a wood burning stove equipped with a chimney at least 5-feet in length and a spark arresting screen consisting of ¼-inch mesh hardware cloth, and all flammable vegetation within a 3-foot radius is cleared, including overhanging material;
 - d. Within the boundaries of the Eagle Cap Wilderness. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
3. Operating an internal combustion engine in a chainsaw except for persons holding a valid personal use firewood cutting permit and following the conditions outlined in the permit. 36 CFR § 261.52(h).
4. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order in accordance with U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).
5. Possessing or using any vehicle off National Forest System roads or National Forest System signed and designated motorized trails, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway. 36 CFR § 261.56. "Vehicle" means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, including any frame, chassis, or body of any motor vehicle, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. 36 CFR § 261.2.
6. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52(f).
7. Using an explosive. 36 CFR § 261.52(b).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order) specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.



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Violations of this prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC § 551; 18 USC §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Executed at Baker City, OR, this 19th day of July 2023.

Shaun P. McKinney
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest



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EXHIBIT A **Developed Recreation Sites**

Campfires are allowed within designated campfire rings at the following Developed Recreation Sites:

Near Baker City, Oregon:

Anthony Lakes Campground and Picnic Area
Grande Ronde Lake Campground and Day Use
Millers Lane Campground
Mowich Loop Picnic Site
Mud Lake Campground
Peavy Cabin
Southwest Shore Campground
Union Creek Campground & Picnic Area *

Near La Grande, Oregon:

Birdtrack Springs Campground
Boulder Park Campground
Buck Creek Trailhead
Frog Heaven Campground
Moss Springs Campground & G. Station
North Fork Catherine Ck. Campground
North Fork Catherine Ck. Trailhead
North Fork Catherine Ck. Group Camp
Oregon Trail Interpretive Park *
Spool Cart Campground
Spring Creek Campground
Two Color Campground & Guard Station
Umapine Campground
West Eagle Meadow Campground

Near Unity, Oregon:

Antlers Guard Station
Oregon Campground
South Fork Campground
Wetmore Campground
Yellow Pine Campground

Near Enterprise, Oregon:

Arrow Forest Campground
Blackhorse Campground
Boundary Campground
Buckhorn Campground
Canyon Forest Campground
Coverdale Campground
Coyote Campground
Dougherty Campground
Hidden Campground
Hurricane Creek Campground
Irondyke Campground



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Indian Crossing Campground
Lick Creek Campground
Lostine River Corridor Campsites
Ollokot Campground
Pole Bridge Day Use
Saddle Creek Campground
Shady Campground
Turkey Flats Campground
Two Pan Campground
Walla Walla Campground
Williamson Campground
Near Halfway, Oregon
Eagle Forks Campground
Fish Lake Campground *
Lake Fork Campground
McBride Campground
Tamarack Campground *
Twin Lakes Campground

*Campgrounds with camp hosts in attendance, exempt from campfire fire tool requirement



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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background:

The Blue Mountain Fire Danger Operating Plan analyzed historic weather and fire occurrence and fire size. At High Fire Danger, fires have grown to 1000 acres or greater at these conditions resulting in large numbers of fire resources need to suppress unplanned fires. These restrictions have been deemed necessary because of decreasing fuel moistures and humidity in conjunction with temperatures promoting problem fire behavior include increase fire spread rate with any fire ignition.

2. Intent of Subpart B Order:

These restrictions are intended to reduce the occurrence of human caused wildfires.

3. Enforcement Plan:

This order will be enforceable by LEOs, FPOs and Special agents. Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.

4. Posting:

The forest and district staff is responsible for posting this order in a reasonable manner.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO	
Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Officers will normally not issue citations unless the affected areas are adequately posted. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.	Law Enforcement Personnel/Forest Protection Officers	Upon Approval

Shaun P. McKinney
Forest Supervisor