

ORDER

FIRE REGULATIONS

USDA FOREST SERVICE

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Pursuant to 36 CFR Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all logging operation areas, including those involved in the harvest of commercial and noncommercial miscellaneous Forest products, and all mining and other industrial operations areas, located on National Forest System lands and Forest development roads, administered by the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region between April 1 and October 31 of each year.

ALL INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVELS(I, II, III, AND IV)

- Operating any internal combustion engine without providing a 1 hour Fire Watch/Fire Security Service from the time such engines are shut down, except passenger carrying vehicles operated on Forest development roads. 36 CFR 261.52(h)

INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL II

When the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is II the following acts are prohibited from 1-8 p.m. local time:

- Operating any internal combustion engine powered saw, except at loading sites. 36 CFR 261.52(h)
- Operating any internal combustion engine powered cable yarder. 36 CFR 261.52(h)
- Using any explosive device for blasting. 36 CFR 261.52(b)
- Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i)

INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL III

When the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is III the following acts are prohibited:

- Operating any internal combustion engine powered saw, except at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations. 36 CFR 261.52(h)

- Operating any internal combustion engine powered cable yarder, except gravity operated cable logging systems employing non-motorized carriages when all blocks and moving lines are ten feet or more above the ground, excluding the line between the carriage and the choker. 36 CFR 261.52(h)

In addition, from 1-8 p.m. local time, the following acts are prohibited:

- Operating any internal combustion engine, including but not limited to, power saws, yarders, loaders, tractors, and brush cutters. Except passenger carrying vehicles operated on Forest development roads. 36 CFR 261.52(h)
- Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i)
- Using any explosive device for blasting. 36 CFR 261.52(b)
- Commercial hauling of any product or material on Forest development roads. Except when the hauling originates in an Industrial Fire Precaution Level I or II area.

INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL IV

When the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is IV the following acts are prohibited:

- Operating any internal combustion engine, except passenger vehicles operated on Forest development roads. 36 CFR 261.52(h)
- Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i)
- Using any explosive device for blasting. 36 CFR 261.52(b)
- Commercial hauling of any product or material on Forest development roads. Except when the hauling originates in an Industrial Fire Precaution Level I, II, or III area. 36 CFR 261.54(c)

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

- (1) Persons issued a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
- (2) Persons working pursuant to a Forest Service contract or permit that contains substitute measures to those listed in this order as contract provisions or clauses.

(3) Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

The following definitions shall apply to these industrial fire precaution levels:

Cable yarding systems: A yarding system employing cables and winches in a fixed position.

Fire Watch/Fire Security Service: Service shall consist of a person moving throughout the operation area or areas constantly looking, reporting, and taking suppression action on any fire detected.

Loading sites/woods site: A place where any product or material (including but not limited to logs, firewood, slash, soil, rock, poles, posts, etc.) is placed in or upon a truck or other vehicle.

Tractor/Skidder Operations: A harvesting operation, or portion of a harvesting operation where tractors, skidders, or other harvesting equipment capable of constructing fireline, are actively yarding Forest products, and can quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start.

Purchaser, Permittee, Contractor, Other Permitted Users, and Cooperators: That individual or organization who holds a basic administrative document (timber sale contract, wood products permit, special use permit, service, construction or supply contract, cost share agreement, etc.) authorizing some activity or service on National Forest lands or roads. Other permitted users may be other legal users of National Forest lands such as miners. A cooperator is a party to a cost share agreement with the Forest Service.

It is the responsibility of the purchaser, permittee, contractor, other permitted users and cooperators to obtain the Industrial Fire Precaution Level daily. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level may be obtained daily from the Forest Service at approximately 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., local time.

Done at Portland, Oregon, this 12th day of June 1989

Mary Jo Lavin for
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Regional Forester

This Order supersedes Regional Forester's Order No. 3 dated June 1, 1987.

Violation of a prohibited act is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC Section 551.

Regional Forester Order No. 3