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Fire Prevention Order High Fire Danger

Pursuant to title 43 CFR 9212.2 (a), the following acts are prohibited on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management Medford District to prevent human-caused fire and reduce wildfire potential.

This prohibition will become effective at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on September 14, 2024 and will remain in effect until further notice.

PROHIBITION:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal briquettes except at a designated area as listed in the attached Exhibit.

43 CFR 9212.1 (h)

(Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed at all times).

2. Smoking while traveling in timber, brush, or grass areas, except in vehicles on roads or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

43 CFR 9212.1 (h)

3. Operating any type of motorized vehicle except on roadways clear of flammable vegetation. Parking of vehicles off roadways must be done in an area barren of flammable material.

43 CFR 9212.1 (h)

- 4. Operating any type of motorized vehicle on the BLM Medford District without the following:
 - a. One shovel not less than twenty-six (26) inches in overall length with a blade not less than eight (8) inches wide.
 - b. One water container of at least one (1) gallon filled to capacity, or a 2.5 pound fire extinguisher, ABC, fully charged.
 - c. One axe, with a handle twenty-six (26) inches in length and a head weight of not less than two (2) pounds.

43 CFR 9212.1 (h)

5. Using chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting or any other operation within areas having a significant accumulation of dead or down slash or timber is prohibited between the hours of 10:00am and 8:00pm. A fire watch of one hour is required after sawing activity.

43 CFR 9212.1 (h)

6. Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is not allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. during moderate fire danger. A fire watch of one hour is required after activity.

43 CFR 9212.1 (h)

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9213.3 (a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act of omission.
- 2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force while in the performance of an official duty.

Done in Medford, Oregon on this 13 day of September 2024.

Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order may be subject to prosecution under any applicable law or BLM regulation. A violation of this order may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984. If the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or may be fined in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

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DESIGNATED AREAS

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Rouge Wild and Scenic Corridor, of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Marial – please see Rogue River Wild and Scenic Corridor Public Use Restrictions at https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions