

Fire Restrictions Definitions: Stage I and Stage II

Stage I Fire Restrictions

The following are prohibited on the state and private forestland and rangeland, and on public land, roads, and trails until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency, or on their own land and only within an owner-provided fire structure (see definition below)
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 materials.

Exemptions

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency

Violation of the above prohibited acts is punishable by fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months (Title 18 USC 1856, Title 43 USC 1701, Title 43 USC 9212.4, and/or appropriate State laws).

Stage II Fire Restrictions

The following are prohibited on state and private forestland and rangeland, and on public land, roads, and trails until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 pm to 1:00 am. A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all work as described in "4" and "5" below.

4. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or fire wood gathering.
5. Blasting, welding or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.

EXEMPTIONS

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

DEFINITIONS

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Supervisors, and BLM District Managers. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Lands.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by Land Management agencies. On state and private forestland and rangeland "Designated Roads and Trails" are defined as those that exhibit a distinct running surface free of any flammable vegetation or debris.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire provided by the agency or campground owner. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined below.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine.

OWNER PROVIDED STRUCTURE: A permanent metal and concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire, provided by the agency or landowner, with a clearance of ten feet on all sides that is free of any flammable vegetation. This does not include a metal fire pan.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, outfitted with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length, employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch (for the purposes of Stage II Restrictions, stoves fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels are within exemption #2, and do not require a chimney or spark arrester).