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## Regulated Fire Restrictions Lifted from Private Lands Fire Season Still in Effect

As of Monday October 1, 2007 at 12:00 noon, regulated fire prevention restrictions were lifted on private lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. However, **fire season is still in effect.**

What this means to the landowner/resident:

**Burning permits are required** on all private and non-federal lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry within Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. The Oregon Department of Forestry will generally not issue permits within rural fire districts where burn bans are in effect.

**Commercial forest operations** on private lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry require fire tools, water supply, and watchman service. Information on industrial fire prevention requirements may be obtained from your local Oregon Department of Forestry office.

**Campfires and warming fires** are allowed at any hour with landowner permission only. When having an open fire please remember these safety guidelines:

As of Friday September 28, 2007, Oregon Department of Forestry firefighters with the Central Oregon District have responded to 181 fires totaling 40,580 acres; of those fires 67 are confirmed human caused .

For more information on current fire restrictions please contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry, USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management or structural fire department office.

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### Making your fire:

- ✓ Have the fire prevention tools; a bucket, shovel, and an axe.
- ✓ Choose a safe campfire site – not under tree branches.
- ✓ Clear an area ten feet in diameter of all forest debris such as needles and pine cones; down to mineral soil.
- ✓ Do not dig a pit – fire can burn underground through the roots.
- ✓ Make a three foot rock ring with the rocks touching.
- ✓ Make sure your firewood fits into the rock ring.

### Putting your fire dead out:

- ✓ Break up the coals using your shovel.
- ✓ Using your bucket pour water on the fire.
- ✓ Stir and turn over the wet coals with your shovel.
- ✓ Keep doing this until the fire is out.
- ✓ There can be heat and no smoke so check to make the sure fire is dead out.

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