

NATIONAL FIRE PLAN FIRE PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS

This brochure applies to operators and landowners signed up for the National Fire Plan (NFP) fuels reduction program. Due to the uniqueness of this program, the following special provisions are adopted under ORS 477.625 (1) (a).

These provisions *apply* during
O.D.F. - FIRE SEASON

Permits to Operate Power Driven Machinery (PDM)

All landowners and operators conducting fuels treatment projects under the National Fire Plan are required to have a PDM permit. The PDM permits are available at no cost from the local Oregon Department of Forestry office.

Chain Saws and other Power Driven Machinery

All chain saws and power driven machinery (excavators, chippers, brush whackers, pruning saws etc.) are required to shut down at 1:00 p.m., unless the requirements under “**Water Supply**” are followed. In addition, the following provisions apply to all NFP projects:

Fire Tools

One (1) fire tool (shovel or pulaski) is required for each person working on site.

Fire Fighting Equipment for Chain Saws

One (1) 2 ½ lb. fire extinguisher and shovel must accompany every operating chain saw on site. All saws must be unmodified with factory approved screens. All chain saws shall be moved 20 feet for refueling and starting before returning to the active work location.

Fire Watch

A two - hour fire watch is required for all projects, after the last piece of power equipment is shut down.

*(**Fire Watch** – a person who is physically capable and experienced to constantly observe all areas in which chain saw use or power driven machinery occurred and who has adequate communications to summon fire-fighting assistance.)*

Water Supply

If an operator or landowner wishes to operate equipment past 1:00 p.m. they must have available this additional water handling equipment:

- A minimum of 75-gallon mobile water tank, pump capable of 10 gpm, 100’ of hose, and nozzle connected, charged and ready for immediate use.
- Or, a charged hose and nozzle capable of reaching all active areas of the operation.

Burning

During closed fire season, most pile burning (generated by NFP projects) will be prohibited. However, some burning may be allowed under special conditions. The landowner or operator will be required to have a burning permit from the Oregon Department of Forestry, The Dalles. Permits can be obtained by calling 541-296-4626.

In an effort to minimize burning during closed fire season partial payments to landowners is an option. This can include all costs associated with the project except burning costs. Final payment will be made after burning is completed in the fall. Contact ODF if you are interested in this option.

If fire danger conditions reach extreme levels ODF reserves the right to shut down all projects to prevent the risk of fire starts.

Remember: These provisions apply *ONLY* to NFP fuels treatment projects. All other industrial or backyard use of chain saws and power equipment will be regulated under a different set of rules. If you have any questions please call Oregon Department of Forestry at 541-296-4626

What if a FIRE starts?

- **CALL 911 Immediately**
- Take safe actions to suppress the fire.
- Do not put yourself in harms way!

Fire Prevention and You...

The Oregon Department of Forestry is providing cost share programs for interface residents to clean-up around their homes, to help their home survive a wildfire. In addition these dollars are used to provide for healthy forests.

Because fire is a natural occurrence, and our ecosystem is prone to fire at certain times of the year, fire restrictions help prevent fires before they start. This brochure will help the private landowner understand what restrictions apply to them.

If you are participating in the National Fire Plan fuels treatment program this brochure will help you remain fire safe during the project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

The Oregon Department of Forestry

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Mel Gard is our National Fire Plan Grant Coordinator please contact him for any questions or concerns about your fuels treatment project.



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Are you a participant of the National Fire Plan Fuels Treatment?

Are you burning, using a chainsaw, or large equipment?

Do you have the necessary fire fighting tools and equipment?



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