

## Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPLs)

### Levels

#### I. Closed Season

Fire season requirements are in effect. In addition to other fire prevention measures, a Fire Watch is required at this and all higher levels unless otherwise waived.

#### II. Partial Hootowl

The following may operate only between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M.

- power saws except at loading sites;
- cable yarding;
- blasting;
- welding or cutting of metal.

#### III. Partial Shutdown

The following are prohibited except as indicated:

- cable yarding - except that gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages may operate between 8 P.M. and 1 P.M. when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers.
- power saws - except power saws may be used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M.

*In addition, the following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M.:*

- tractor/skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline are immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start;
- mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material;
- blasting;
- welding or cutting of metal;
- any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

#### IV. General Shutdown

All operations are prohibited.

### Waivers

Waivers, written in advance, may be used for any and all activities.

Activities for which waivers may be issued include, but are not limited to:

- mechanized loading and hauling.
- road maintenance such as sprinkling, graveling, grading and paving.
- cable yarding using gravity systems or suspended lines and blocks, or other yarding systems where extra prevention measures will significantly reduce the risk of fire.
- power saws at loading sites or in felling and bucking where extra prevention measures will significantly reduce the risk of fire.
- maintenance of equipment (other than metal cutting and welding) or improvements such as structures, fences and powerlines.

### IFPL Definitions

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

- **Loading sites:** A place where any product or material (including, but not limited to logs, firewood, slash, soil, rock, poles, etc.) is placed in or upon a truck or other vehicle.
- **Cable yarding system:** A yarding system employing cables, and winches in a fixed position.

- **Low hazard area:** Any area where the responsible agency representative (WDNR, ODF, USFS, BIA, BLM) determines the combination of the elements reduces the probability of a fire starting and/or spreading.
- **Closed season (Fire precautionary period):** that season of the year when a fire hazard exists as declared by the responsible agency official.

**NOTE:** Where hauling involves transit through more than one shutdown/regulated use area, the precaution level at the woods loading site shall govern the level of haul restriction, unless otherwise prohibited by other than the industrial precaution level system.

**NOTE:** The IFPL system does not apply on lands protected by ODF east of the summit of the Cascades.