

**STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

FIRE RESTRICTIONS
REGULATED CLOSURE PROCLAMATION

Number 01
Effective 12:01 a.m., PDT, July 1, 2023

By virtue of the authority vested in me under the provisions of ORS 477.535 to 477.550, I hereby proclaim a Regulated Closure to be in effect in the following subject area:

All lands protected by the North Cascade Forest Protection District, and all lands within one-eighth mile thereof.

Under this Regulated Closure it is unlawful to be in violation of the following restrictions:

- Recreational Fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are permitted all day, with landowner approval, during low fire danger (**GREEN**). Recreational Fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are prohibited in moderate fire danger (**BLUE**) and high fire (**YELLOW**) danger, except at locations designated by the forester. All Recreational Fires are prohibited in extreme fire danger (**RED**). The use of portable appliances such as camp stoves and fire pits using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed in clear areas free of flammable vegetation. The following is required where open fires and appliances are allowed; one shovel and one gallon of water or one shovel and one 2 ½ pound fire extinguisher.
- The use of chain saws are permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), and before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**). The use of chain saws are prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**). Each chain saw is required to have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, on **improved** roads are permitted all day, during all levels. Improved road is defined as being free of **all** flammable vegetation. Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one shovel and one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available.
- Generators are allowed at all levels and need to be in an area free of flammable debris with a fire extinguisher or gallon of water readily available.
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, on **un-improved** roads are permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), and before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**). Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, on un-improved roads are prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**), except for the culture and harvest of agricultural crops. Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, on un-improved roads are 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available.

- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), and before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**), as long as it is conducted in an area cleared of flammable vegetation and has a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available. Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**).
- The mowing of dried, cured grass is permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), and before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**). The mowing of dried, cured grass is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**). The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.
- Any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), and before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**) when conducted in a cleared area and a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher is immediately available. Any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**).
- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated locations.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.

Aside from these restrictions, also prohibited throughout fire season is backyard debris burning, the use of exploding targets and tracer ammunition. Additionally, the use of sky lanterns is prohibited in the State of Oregon at all times (ORS 476.735).



The State Forester or an authorized representative may, in writing, approve a modification or waiver of these requirements.

These restrictions shall remain in effect until replaced, suspended, or terminated by an additional proclamation of the State Forester or an authorized representative.

Maps of the subject area may be viewed at the State Forester's Office, in Salem, Oregon, and at principal offices of the Forest Protection District. It is the responsibility of the individual to know what the daily fire danger level is and how it effects regulated activities.

Definitions of words and phrases used in this proclamation may be found in ORS 477.001, OAR 629-041-0005.

Steve Wilson, District Forester
 North Cascade District
 Oregon Department of Forestry
 June 30, 2023