



# The Hot Sheet



## EARLY MAY FIRES TESTAMENT TO CONDITIONS

It comes as no surprise that fires are already popping up given the drought-like conditions throughout the state. A fire within an operation on May 5 in Douglas County took three days to put out after burning 149 acres of felled and bucked timber and reprod.



Peavine Creek Fire

The Peavine Creek Fire, located 5 miles north of Glendale, was picked up by Douglas Forest Protective Association’s fire detection cameras in the late afternoon of May 5. The fire damaged two pieces of logging equipment that were parked near the fire. Total suppression costs for this fire exceeded \$150,000 and remains under investigation.

The Coos Forest Protective Association responded to the Sandy Creek Fire east of Bridge (between Roseburg and Coos Bay) on May 25. A church camp and two residences voluntarily evacuated but were never in harms way. The 26-acre fire burned on steep ground in logging slash and some young plantations.

In all, and illustrated in the chart below, ODF and protection associations have recorded 129 fires that have burned about 310 acres prior to the start of fire season. Not bad, but could always be better. This compares to a 10-year average of 104 fires and 426 acres burned through May 31.

### 2015 INDUSTRIAL FIRE STATS

CAUSE	FIRES	ACRES
Warming Fire	4	0.79
Slash Escape	11	39.22
Under Investigation	1	149.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>189.01</b>

### 2015 NON INDUSTRIAL FIRE STATS

CAUSE	FIRES	ACRES
Lightning	18	7.52
Equipment Use—Non Industrial	6	3.24
Recreation	26	6.17
Debris Burning-Non Industrial	44	99.65
Arson	2	0.76
Miscellaneous	10	1.28
Under Investigation	7	2.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>121.3</b>



Sandy Creek Fire

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## REVIEWING CLOSURES

When fire season goes into effect, operators must follow fire prevention requirements including having fire tools, water supply and a Firewatch. Smoking is also prohibited during fire season when working or traveling through an operation. West of the Cascades fire season starts with Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 1.

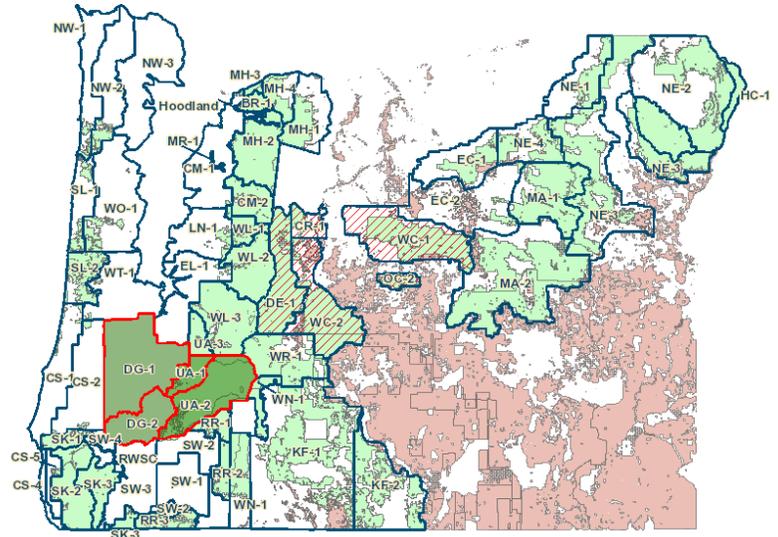
**IFPL I** Each operation must have the minimum fire tool and water requirements. Oregon law requires a minimum of three hours Firewatch, but may be waived to fewer hours according to individual districts.

**Level II - Partial Hootowl** The following may only operate before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m.: Power saws (except at loading sites); cable yarding; blasting; and welding or cutting of metal.

**Level III - Partial Shutdown** Prohibits motorized cable yarding. Power saw use is also prohibited (except at loading sites and tractor skidder operations before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m.). The following can operate before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m.: tractor/skidder operations; mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material; blasting; welding or cutting of metal; any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

**Level IV** is a complete general shutdown. All operations must cease in wildland areas.

Stay current on industrial fire restrictions in your area by logging on to [oregon.gov/odf](http://oregon.gov/odf) and accessing the fire restrictions map shown at the right.



## FIRE RESTRICTIONS MAP OPERATIONAL

Check out the new interactive fire restrictions map for industrial operators and the public. The map allows landowners, operators and the general public to pinpoint their working, living or outdoor recreation site location and then determine what fire restrictions are in place for that area. If working west of the Cascades, Regulated Use Areas will be color coded based on the IFPL in place: Green—IFPL I, Blue-IFPL II, Yellow-IFPL III and Red-IFPL IV. Click on the area and an information pop up box will appear with links to additional information, such as IFPL explanations, public use restrictions, district information and additional landowner restrictions for public access. Click [here](#) and give it a try.

TOOL TABLE																	
People Working	1-4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Tool Boxes Required	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Axes or Pulaskis	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Shovels	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	7	7	7	7	7
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