

STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Regulated Closure Proclamation

Number 01

Effective Friday 12:01 a.m., PDT, June 9, 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 Coos Forest Protection District, in regulated Use area(s), CS-1, CS-2, CS-4, CS-5, SK-1, SK-2, and all forestland within one-eighth mile thereof.

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

Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated locations.

- Open fires – meaning any outdoor fire that occurs in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and combustion products are not effectively vented through a stack or chimney are prohibited with the following exceptions:
 - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are prohibited during EXTREME fire danger (**RED**).
 - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed only at hosted and managed campgrounds during HIGH fire danger (**YELLOW**).
 - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed at locations designated by the forester during MODERATE fire danger (**BLUE**).
 - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed at all locations, with landowner permission during LOW fire danger (**GREEN**).

As a note: Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed under this proclamation.

- The use of power saws is prohibited during EXTREME fire danger (**RED**). Power saw use is allowed before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during HIGH fire danger (**YELLOW**). Power saw use is allowed before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during MODERATE fire danger (**BLUE**). Power saw activity is permitted all day during LOW fire danger (**GREEN**).
 - Each power 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.
- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited during EXTREME fire danger (**RED**). This activity is allowed before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during HIGH fire danger (**YELLOW**). This activity is allowed before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during MODERATE fire danger (**BLUE**). This activity is permitted all day during LOW fire danger (**GREEN**).
 - When allowed, this activity will be conducted in a cleared area and have a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available.
- The mowing of dried, cured grass is prohibited during EXTREME fire danger (**RED**). This activity is permitted before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during HIGH fire danger (**YELLOW**), and before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during MODERATE fire danger (**BLUE**). Mowing of dried, cured grass is permitted all day during LOW fire danger (**GREEN**).

As a note: The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.

- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on improved roads free of flammable vegetation, except for the culture and harvest of agricultural crops.
- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state highways, county roads and driveways:
 - One shovel.
 - One gallon of water or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
 - All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Any electric fence controller in use shall be: 1) Listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services; and 2) Operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions.

As a reminder, aside from these restrictions, also prohibited throughout fire season is backyard debris burning, the use of exploding targets and tracer ammunition.

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

Maps of the subject area may be viewed at the State Forester's Office, in Salem, Oregon, and at principal offices of the Forest Protective District.

Fire Danger Adjective Class is as follows:

LOW – GREEN: Activity permitted all day (with exceptions)

MODERATE – BLUE: Activity permitted until 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m.

HIGH – YELLOW: Activity permitted until 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m.

EXTREME – RED: Activity prohibited

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

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