

**STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

FIRE RESTRICTIONS
REGULATED CLOSURE PROCLAMATION

Number 01

Effective 12:01 a.m., PDT, May 1, 2020

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 Southwest Oregon Forest Protection District, in regulated use area(s) SW-1, SW-2, SW-3, SW-4, SK-3, RR-1, RR-2, RR-3, 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 are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at locations designated by the forester. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed. Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed with landowners permission during low fire danger (**GREEN**).
- The use of power saws is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**). Power saw use is permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during moderate fire danger (**BLUE**) and before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**). 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 permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during moderate fire danger (**BLUE**) and before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**) as long as it is conducted in a cleared area and has 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 all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**). 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 during moderate (**BLUE**), high (**YELLOW**) and extreme (**RED**) fire danger. Does not apply for the culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required during moderate (BLUE), high (YELLOW) and extreme (RED) fire danger while traveling, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher regardless of the fire danger.
- 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.
- Any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is prohibited during extreme fire danger (RED). When conducted in a cleared area and a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher is immediately available, this activity is permitted all day during low fire danger (GREEN), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during moderate fire danger (BLUE), before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during high fire danger (YELLOW).

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 Protection District.

Fire Danger Adjective Class is as follows:

Low= Green: Activity permitted all day

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.

Red= Extreme: 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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