

**STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

FIRE RESTRICTIONS
REGULATED CLOSURE PROCLAMATION

Number 01

Effective 12:01 a.m., PDT, May 15, 2026

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, cooking fires and warming fires, except on private property with the landowner's permission during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and at campgrounds designated by the forester during all other declared fire danger levels. Charcoal and pellet barbecues/smokers are allowed at residential home sites that are fully developed, landscaped, and maintained when used in a cleared area* that is free from flammable vegetation. A charged garden hose or one 2½ pound fire extinguisher must be immediately available. The use of portable appliances such as camp stoves and fire pits using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed anytime in clear areas* free of flammable vegetation. The following are required where open fires and appliances are allowed: one shovel and one gallon of water or 2½ pound fire extinguisher.
- 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 eight-ounce capacity. A Firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw. Battery and electric powered chainsaws are included in these restrictions.
- 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 a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher is 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 use of battery or electric string trimmers is included in these restrictions. The mowing of green irrigated lawns and the culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from restrictions at all times.

- 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. The use of fully electric bicycles and motorcycles are exempt from restrictions.
- 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 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Fuel-powered generators are allowed when operated at residential homesites in a cleared area* free of flammable vegetation and a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher is immediately available. The use of battery/solar-powered generators is exempt from restrictions.
- Use of fireworks on or within 1/8 of a mile of ODF-protected forestland 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 2½ 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



***Cleared Area Definition: Free of flammable vegetation for 50 feet in all directions.**

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

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