

**STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

FIRE RESTRICTIONS
REGULATED CLOSURE PROCLAMATION

Number 01

Effective 12:01 a.m., PDT, June 5, 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 South Cascade Forest Protection District, and all forestlands within one-eighth mile thereof.

Under this Regulated Closure, except as to the owner's legal right of entry upon their land, entry to all forestland is unlawful unless entrants comply with the following restrictions:

The following restrictions apply:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated locations.
- Open fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are permitted all day with landowner permission during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and moderate fire danger (**BLUE**). Open fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are prohibited in high fire (**YELLOW**) danger, except at locations designated by the forester. Additionally, the use of appliances such as portable fire pits using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed, with landowner permission, in areas free of flammable vegetation during low fire danger (**GREEN**), moderate fire danger (**BLUE**) and high fire danger (**YELLOW**). All open fires are prohibited in extreme fire danger (**RED**). Portable cooking stoves using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed at all levels.
- 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**). The use of power saws is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**). 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 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**) 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. This activity is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**).
- The mowing or cutting of dried, cured grass 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**), and is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**). The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement. The use of battery or electric weed eaters with plastic type string is allowed all day.
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, on un-improved roads are 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). 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.

- 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.
- 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 when conducted in a cleared area and a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher is immediately available 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). This activity is prohibited during extreme fire danger (RED).

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

<http://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/closures/definitions.pdf>



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