

News Release

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Walker Range Fire Patrol
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Entry Permit Required

Effective tomorrow, July 29, travelers in the Schoonover area will need a permit to enter.

Under this Permit Closure, except as to the owner's legal right of entry upon their land, entry to all subject forestland is unlawful unless entrants first obtain a permit issued at the Walker Range Fire Patrol (WRFP) office, 135393 Highway 97, Crescent, Oregon.

Maps of the closure area may be viewed at WRFP or on the internet by clicking [here](#).

This Permit Closure is in addition to public fire restrictions already in effect within the entire Walker Range Forest Protection District that include:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads.
- Campfires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires on Gilchrist State Forest, Whitefish Cascade Timberlands, Bell A Land and Cattle, Gabrych Family Partnership, Black Rock Ranch and Mansfield Property.
 - ✓ Campfires are allowed on your personal property, as long as you, the property owner takes the following precautions.
 - ✓ Build the campfire in an open area away from overhanging branches and clear of flammable material within a 10-foot diameter circle. Campfire pit must be dug down to mineral soil. Line the perimeter with rocks, building blocks, metal or concrete. Flame length should not exceed two (2) feet in height. *No bonfires.*
 - ✓ Do not leave unattended.
 - ✓ Have available at campfire site, a shovel, charged hose or 5 lb. ABC Fire Extinguisher.
 - ✓ Don't have a campfire under windy conditions.
 - ✓ Drown the campfire with water. Be sure all material has been cooled and extinguished. Do not bury the hot embers—campfires can smolder and escape your campfire ring during windy times.
 - ✓ No material will exceed the campfire perimeter—nothing overhanging the sides of the campfire perimeter.
 - ✓ No burning of household rubbish.
 - ✓ Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.
- Debris burning and burn barrels is prohibited.

- Chain saw use is prohibited, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. During other hours, chain saw users must have a shovel, an 8-oz or larger fire extinguisher or a charged hose capable of reaching cutting area at the job site.
- Electric fence controllers must be approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services, and be installed and used in compliance with the fence controller's instructions for fire safe operation.
- Mowing of dead or dry grass with power-driven equipment will not be allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This restriction does not include mowing of green lawns, or equipment used for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.
- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling in a motorized vehicle, except on federal and state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one operational 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one operational 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited on Gilchrist State Forest, Whitefish Cascade Timberlands, Bell A Land and Cattle, Gabrych Family Partnership, Black Rock Ranch and Mansfield Property. Fireworks that are legal in the State of Oregon are allowed on your property as long as you have maintained green lawns, or on non-flammable maintained driveways.
- The cutting, grinding and welding of metal will not be allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. These activities will be allowed during other hours provided the work site is cleared of potentially flammable vegetation and other materials, and a water supply is at the job site.
- Blasting is prohibited, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Aside from these restrictions, also prohibited throughout fire season is backyard debris burning, the use of exploding targets, tracer ammunition and the release of sky lanterns. Contact the Oregon Department of Forestry's/Forest Protective Association's office at (phone #) or log onto www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx for more information.

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