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Fire Restrictions Increase August 1 Due to Rising Fire Danger

Fire restrictions will increase on all lands protected by the Walker Range Forest Protective Association (WRFPA), as well as all forestland within one-eighth mile of those protected lands, effective **12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2026.**

All fire season restrictions that went into effect on **June 2, 2026**, will remain in effect. The following additional restrictions will become effective **August 1, 2026.**

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

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except inside vehicles on improved roads.
- Fireworks are prohibited.
- Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires, except at designated areas and at fully developed, landscaped, and maintained residential home sites when used in an area that is clear of flammable vegetation.
- Chain saw use is prohibited between **1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** When allowed, chain saw users must have a shovel and either an 8-ounce or larger fire extinguisher or a charged hose capable of reaching the cutting area at the job site.
- Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal are prohibited between **1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** When allowed, the work site must be cleared of flammable vegetation and other combustible materials, and a water supply must be available at the job site.
- Blasting is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are permitted only on improved roads that are free of flammable vegetation, except for activities related to the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.

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- Firefighting equipment is required while traveling in a motorized vehicle, except on federal and state highways, county roads, and driveways. Vehicles must carry one shovel and one gallon of water, or one operational **2½-pound or larger fire extinguisher**. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one operational **2½-pound or larger fire extinguisher**.

The Forester may, in writing, approve a modification or waiver of these requirements.

These restrictions shall remain in effect until replaced, suspended, or terminated by an additional proclamation of the Forester.

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

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

Fire danger has increased significantly across the region as fuels continue to dry and weather conditions become more favorable for rapid fire growth. August traditionally brings hotter temperatures, lower humidity, and the potential for gusty winds, creating conditions where even a small spark can quickly become a large wildfire.

Everyone who lives, works, or recreates in our forests plays an important role in preventing wildfires. By following these restrictions and remaining vigilant, you can help protect our communities, forests, and firefighters throughout the remainder of the fire season.

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and commitment to fire safety.

R.D. Buell
District Manager
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