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Public Fire Restrictions Lower Today, Fire Season Remains in Effect

Continued cool temperatures, precipitation and overnight relative humidity recoveries have prompted the Oregon Department of Forestry's Southwest Oregon District to drop the public fire danger level to "Low" (green) and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) to I (one) today, Thursday, October 4, 2018, effective immediately.

Some of the public restriction changes include allowing 'all-day use' of power saws, and equipment for mowing dry, dead grass. These regulations affect 1.8 million acres of state, private, county, city and Bureau of Land Management lands protected by ODF's Southwest Oregon District.

Precipitation has lent a helping hand in reducing the chance for difficult wildfires; however, the uncertainty of consistent rainfall could still pose a risk. Fire managers will continue to evaluate the upcoming conditions in order to determine if fire season can be terminated soon.

As a reminder, public fire restrictions which will remain in effect, include:

- No debris burning, including piles and debris burned in burn barrels.
- No fireworks on forestlands.
- Exploding targets and tracer ammunition, or any bullet with a pyrotechnic charge in its base, are prohibited.
- Campfires are allowed in designated campgrounds, and on private land with the landowner's permission. Portable stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels may be used as well.
- Motorized vehicles are allowed only on improved roads; one shovel and one gallon of water, or one 2.5 pound or larger fire extinguisher, is required while traveling.
- Smoking while traveling will only be allowed in enclosed vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water and other specifically designated locations.

- Any electric fence controllers must be approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 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.

Under IFPL I (One) – fire season requirements are in effect. In addition to the following:

- A Firewatch is required at this and all higher levels unless otherwise waived.

For more information about the Oregon Department of Forestry's fire season public restrictions, please call or visit the Southwest Oregon District unit office nearest to you:

Medford Unit, 5286 Table Rock Rd., Central Point. (541) 664-3328

Grants Pass Unit, 5375 Monument Dr., Grants Pass. (541) 474-3152

Fire season information is also available online at our Facebook page: @ODFSouthwest and our website: www.swofire.com.

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