



News Release



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Fire Restrictions Remain in Effect Throughout SW Oregon

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MEDFORD, OR - September 2, 2010 – With the coming Labor Day weekend, fire managers in southwest Oregon want to remind all citizens that fire danger remains high to extreme and fire restrictions remain in effect across the region. Even though cooler, moist weather recently visited the region, the warming and drying weather this week will once again create highly combustible conditions on Oregon Department of Forestry-protected lands in Jackson and Josephine counties and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

Restrictions on ODF-protected lands include:

- Open burning is not allowed until fire season ends. This includes piles of debris and burn barrels.
- Campfires are allowed only in designated campgrounds.
- Smoking in forestland areas is allowed only in an enclosed vehicle on an improved road
- Vehicles are not allowed on unimproved roads
- No open fires of any kind are allowed in the Wild and Scenic section of the Rogue River

Restrictions on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest include:

- Fires, Smoking, and internal combustion engines - *Siskiyou Mountains and Wild Rivers Ranger Districts*
- Lower Wild Section of *National Wild and Scenic Rogue River*
- *Illinois River Road* - Fires only in Forest Service fire rings, and no unattended vehicles inside road white lines.
- No Camping or Campfires in the *Ashland Watershed*

For a complete rundown on fire season restrictions, see www.swofire.oregon.gov and www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/fire.

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