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Fire Prevention Regulations Increase for Industrial Operations on July 11, 2018

Southwest Oregon— Increasingly dry conditions and a warming trend in southwest Oregon forestlands is the cause for the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) to **raise to a Level II (2) on Wednesday, July 11, 2018**. Restrictions under IFPL II take effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, and apply to Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest lands.

The IFPL II restrictions apply only to contractors and permit holders, including those with permits to cut firewood for personal use. These restrictions are not applicable to standard recreational uses, such as campfires, which have separate restrictions that may apply. For current restrictions on campfires, visit the [Forest webpage](#).

Under IFPL II:

- The use of power saws will be prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., except at loading sites.
- The use of cable yarders will be prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Blasting will be prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Welding or cutting of metal will be prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Additionally, commercial operators on forestlands are required to have fire suppression equipment on site and provide watchman service.

Personal and commercial woodcutters are reminded of their responsibility to stay informed of current IFPLs and all restrictions that apply to activities conducted on public lands. Failure to comply with fire precautionary requirements may result in the issuance of a Violation Notice.

For current information on IFPL levels, fire danger, ongoing incidents on the RRSNF, closures and restrictions, visit the [Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest website](#). Additionally, the public are encouraged to connect with the RRSNF via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Please [contact your local Ranger District office](#) for more information and maps prior to travel on National Forest lands.