



UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # **T2018-0614-UM-01**



ORDER PHASE A FIRE RESTRICTIONS UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are **prohibited** on all National Forest System Lands within the Umatilla National Forest, in the State of Oregon and Washington. This Order is effective from 06/25/2021 1201 am, until 10/30/2021 or until rescinded.

1. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
2. Operating an Internal Combustion Engine 36 CFR § 261.52(h). [Specifically, Chainsaws]
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order in accordance with U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).
4. Possess or use a vehicle off National Forest System roads. 36 CFR § 261.56
 - a. Except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person is exempt from Prohibition 2, operating a chainsaw, when they have a valid personal use firewood cutting permit and follow the conditions outlined in the permit for woodcutting.
4. Any person is exempt from Prohibition 2 when operating a chainsaw between the hours of 8:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Executed at Pendleton, Oregon, this 24th day of June, 2021

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Forest Supervisor
Umatilla National Forest



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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background:

The Blue Mountain Fire Danger Operating Plan analyzed historic weather and fire occurrence and fire size. At High Fire Danger, fires have grown to 300 acres or greater at these conditions resulting in large numbers of fire resources need to suppress unplanned fires. These restrictions have been deemed necessary because of increasingly dry fire conditions from continued decreasing fuel moisture, humidity and increasing temperatures which can result in a fire quickly spreading and escaping control.

2. Intent of Subpart B Order:

These restrictions are intended to reduce the occurrence of human caused wildfires.

3. Enforcement Plan:

This order will be enforceable by LEOs, FPOs and Special agents. Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Morning and evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.

4. Posting:

The forest and district staff are responsible for posting this order in a reasonable manner.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO	
Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Officers will normally not issue citations unless the affected areas are adequately posted. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.	Law Enforcement Personnel/Forest Protection Officers	Upon Approval

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Patrol Captain



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CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACTS ANALYSIS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region (R6) Umatilla National Forest

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Purpose:

The purpose for developing a civil rights impact analysis is to provide the Forest Service decision maker information concerning potential civil rights impacts of the proposed action. Civil rights impacts are those which could affect the agency's ability to ensure equal opportunity in employment and in delivery of programs and services.

Favorable Impacts:

The proposed action would:

Increase public health and safety of Forest visitors and employees during Fire Season.

Unfavorable Impacts:

The proposed action would:

Prohibit the use of any open fire, restrict smoking to an enclosed vehicle or building, Recreation site or area cleared of vegetation and operating internal combustion engine, which could start a Wildfire on National Forest System lands administered by the Umatilla National Forest within the states of Oregon and Washington.

Mitigation Measures:

This order will be evaluated and rescinded or modified as Fire Danger Increases or Decreases across Umatilla National Forest Lands and in coordination with Oregon Department of Forestry and Washington Department of Natural Resources fire restrictions.

Social Impacts:

The proposed action does not impose any unreasonable adverse impacts on the civil rights of any individuals. The area closure applies to all nonexempt personnel. The restriction is temporary. The overall benefits are reasonable, as compared to the unfavorable impacts to public safety.

Net Civil Rights Impact:

No net negative Civil Rights Impacts would occur because the area closure is general in applicability and would apply across the affected area.

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