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Notice of Emergency Fire Prevention Orders on Public Land within the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Vale and Baker project lands for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Middle Snake Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vale, Oregon / Bureau of Reclamation, Boise, Idaho
ACTION: Emergency Fire Prevention Orders for public and project land within the boundaries of the Vale District BLM.
SUMMARY: The BLM and BOR are temporarily prohibiting some activities and uses of the public and project lands during periods of high fire danger. This regulation is necessary to protect natural resources and the public's health and safety.
DATES: Beginning on July 10 and will remain in effect until rescinded.
DISCUSSION: These orders will apply to all public lands administered by the Vale District BLM and project lands under the jurisdiction of BOR. These agencies have determined that these orders are necessary to protect natural resources and provide for public safety. Under 43 CFR 9212.2 and 43 CFR 423.31(c) the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following orders on the public and project lands within the boundaries of the Vale District BLM. BOR project lands administered by agencies other than the BLM will determine their own restrictions.

Orders to be enforced:

1. You must not build, maintain, or attend a fire, or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire. NOTE: Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites, they must be within an area at least ten (10) feet in diameter that is barren, or clear of all flammable materials.
2. You must not smoke outside of a vehicle, trailer or building, except within areas barren of all flammable materials for at least a six (6) foot diameter, or aboard boats on rivers and lakes.
3. You must not possess, discharge or use any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device, to include exploding targets, or tracer or incendiary ammunition.
4. You must not operate a chainsaw.
5. You must not park your motorized vehicle or operate any type of internal combustion engine in an area that is not clear of flammable material.
6. You must not operate a motorized vehicle outside of existing roads or ways. This prohibits cross-country travel until this order is rescinded.
7. You must not operate any motorized vehicle or equipment that is wider than 50 inches or has a dry weight of 800 pounds or more, on public lands without a shovel not less than 26 inches in overall length, with a blade not less than 8 inches wide, and a container with at least one gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher. All motorcycles, All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), and side-by-side Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) must be equipped with a functional U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor.

PENALTIES: On BLM lands, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)) and 43 CFR 9212.4, any person who violates any of the supplementary rules within the boundaries established in the rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571. On BOR project lands under section (1)(a) of Pub. L. 107-69, you are subject to a fine under chapter 227, subchapter C of title 18 United States Code (18 U.S.C. 3571), or can be imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both, if you violate:

- a) The provisions of this part 423; or
- b) Any condition, limitation, or prohibition on uses or activities, or of public use limits, imposed under this part 423. Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3(a) and 43 CFR 423.31(c), the following persons are exempt from this order:
 - a. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
 - b. Any Federal, State, or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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Date

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