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Stage 1 Fire restrictions implemented in southwest Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 2, 2024 – The Boise National Forest, Idaho Department of Lands, and Bureau of Land Management will begin Stage 1 fire restrictions on state, endowment, private and federal lands within the West Central Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone. The restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 5. (see the attached map)

Fire restrictions are intended to reduce the risk of human caused wildfires during high burning conditions, especially those caused by escaped campfires and smoking.

Areas within Stage 1 restrictions will include the entirety of the Boise National Forest. BLM and Bureau of Reclamation will implement on lands east of the Snake River, north and west of Highway 95 to the Little Weiser River, and north of the Little Weiser River to the Payette NF boundary. The boundary then follows the Payette NF boundary back to the Snake River.

For a detailed map showing all Idaho Fire Restriction Areas visit <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder>, and for FAQs about restrictions go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>.

With Stage 1 fire restrictions, campfires and charcoal/briquette fires can only be within designated campgrounds and in a permanent campfire structure, usually metal or concrete. Smoking outside of a vehicle or building can only be within a designated recreation site or while standing over an area cleared of flammable vegetation within three feet.

For those who are dispersed camping, such as car camping along the roads or backpacking, fires are only permitted if using a stove with liquid fuel such as propane and while over an area cleared of flammable vegetation within three feet. Wood stoves are also permitted if using a chimney at least five feet in length and using a spark arrestor. Private landowners are allowed to use charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.

With the high potential for wildfires, fire managers ask the public to be extra cautious with outdoor activities. Take a few minutes to review recreating responsibly at <https://recreate.idaho.gov/>.

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