

Fire Update

Payette Interagency Dispatch

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Land Management Agencies lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in all Zones of the Payette Fire Restriction Area

McCall, Idaho – Local land management agencies will lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in all zones of the Payette Fire Restrictions Area effective Friday, August 30, 2024, just after midnight at 0001 hours. The Fire Restrictions are rescinded by agencies managing state, private and public lands in the area, including the United States Forest Service (USFS), United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association (SITPA), and the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). See map for the location of the Payette Fire Restrictions Area.

The restrictions were put into effect on July 26 when fire danger and burning conditions were unusually high. Recent changes in weather have brought cooler temperatures and some precipitation across the area. This has changed the fire danger rating to a lower level. Following Idaho State Fire Restriction guidelines, fire indices are no longer meeting the necessary criteria to stay in Stage 1 Restrictions. Visitors are reminded that vegetation is still dry, and to be careful with all use of fire in the outdoors. The accidental start of a wildfire can still be devastating.

Be alert and be aware. Follow these tips to help prevent wildfire:

- NEVER leave a campfire unattended
- Keep water, dirt, and a shovel near your fire at all times
- Make sure your fire is dead out and cold to the touch before you leave it
- Fireworks are never allowed on National Forest and State lands and are prohibited on BLM lands during closed fire season (May 10 through October 20).
- Exploding targets or tracer rounds are prohibited on all public lands.

Area closures may still be in effect on some public lands. Contact the land management agency for your area of interest for specific information regarding fire closures.

Fire restrictions are being lifted but burn bans may still be in place in some areas. Fire Restrictions and burn bans address different types of activities. Burn bans pertain to controlled burning activities such as debris burning, slash burning, or agricultural burning, for which a fire

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safety burn permit from IDL is required. Visit <http://burnpermits.idaho.gov/> for more information.

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