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### **Fire season remains in effect, however Oregon Department of Forestry's additional fire restrictions are terminated**

While cooler and wetter conditions have arrived throughout the region, fire season remains in effect for private, state, county, municipal and tribal lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry in northeast Oregon. Due to the change in the weather, the additional restrictions of the Regulated-Use Closure have been terminated as of 12:01 am, September 21, 2017. ODF's general fire season restrictions mean that burn permits are required for all open fires (except campfires), debris burns and burn barrels. ODF will still need to issue a burn permit for any open burns or burn barrels within the protection district until weather conditions warrant an end to fire season. Campfires are now allowed with landowner permission.

Steve Meyer, Baker Wildland Fire Supervisor, cautions "The recent moisture we've received has really improved fire danger conditions. However, those conditions can change rapidly with a spell of hot and dry weather, or a wind event. There's still a need to use caution when having a campfire or lighting a burn barrel or debris pile. This is the time of year when human caused fire numbers can really increase."

The Northeast Oregon District includes lands in the following counties: Union, Baker, Umatilla, Wallowa and small portions of Grant, Morrow and Malheur counties.

To obtain a burn permit from ODF, call your local ODF office:

La Grande Unit (541)963-3168

Baker City Sub-Unit (541)523-5831

Wallowa Unit (541)886-2881

Pendleton Unit (541)276-3491

Fire restrictions may differ on lands protected by rural fire departments or lands managed by the US Forest Service or BLM. Check local regulations before burning. More information on fire restrictions can be found the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center website at [www.bmidc.org](http://www.bmidc.org).

To report a fire, call the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center at (541)963-7171, or dial 9-1-1.

<http://bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com/> is your spot for current fire information in the Blue Mountains.

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