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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

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Regulated-Use Closure terminated on lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Season still in effect

As of 12:01 am, October 19, 2015, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has terminated the Regulated-Use Closure for private forestlands protected by the Northeast Oregon District. This closure and the additional fire prevention restrictions it included are no longer necessary as a result of changing weather and fuel conditions. Campfires and warming fires are now allowed with landowner permission. Joe Hessel, La Grande Unit Forester, cautions "The moisture we received over the weekend has helped lower fire danger. However, the larger fuels are still relatively dry. Folks still need to be cautious and ensure that campfires are dead out before leaving the campsite."

Although fire restrictions have eased, Fire Season remains in effect for private, state, county, municipal, and tribal lands protected by the Northeast Oregon District. Burn permits are still required for all open fires (except campfires), debris burns and burn barrels. "The need for a Burn Permit for open burning and barrels will continue until we enter a sustained trend of wetter weather." Said Hessel. The Northeast Oregon District includes lands in the following counties: Union, Baker, Wallowa, Umatilla, and small portions of Grant, Malheur, and Morrow Counties.

Year to date fire information for lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry Northeast Oregon District:

Lightning caused: 42 fires	Acres burned: 55,608
Human caused: 23 fires	Acres burned: 6,472

Note that when traveling from private land onto federal land, fire restrictions may change. Please check restrictions before conducting activities in the outdoors.

To report a fire, call the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center at (541) 963-7171, or 911.
For further information, contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry office:

La Grande Unit	(541) 963-3168
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Pendleton Unit	(541) 276-3491

More information can be found at the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center website <http://bmidc.org/index.shtml>. Look under fire restrictions.