

Level 1 fire restrictions go into effect for Six Rivers National Forest

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Due to dry conditions and increasing fire danger, the Six Rivers National Forest is implementing temporary level 1 fire restrictions, beginning August 14.

These restrictions apply to all of the Six Rivers National Forest (SRF) and land administered by the SRF which includes the Ukonom Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest.

Forest visitors may still have a campfire within a designated fire safe site, developed recreation site, and in designated Wilderness areas. Restrictions are expected to lift on November 5, 2023, conditions permitting.

Fire management officials continually monitor fire conditions throughout the year and implement restrictions only when necessary.

Recently officials have observed significant fire potential for the months of August and September due to increasing temperatures, winds and dry vegetation or “fuel”.

The forest's top priority is the health and safety of our firefighters and the public. These restrictions will help reduce the potential of human-caused fires, which account for 87% of wildfires annually.

The following is prohibited under Level 1 restrictions:

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in Wilderness areas, Designated Fire Safe Sites, or within stoves, charcoal grills or fire rings provided in the Developed Recreation Sites

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within a Developed Recreation Site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device that is properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.

Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.

View the complete Forest Order Here including a map of the forest and a complete list of developed recreation and designated fire safe sites.

As visitors continue to visit the forest and enjoy the rest of summer and beginning of fall, here are a few tips when recreating on the forest to help prevent wildfires:

Campfires: When building a campfire remember to never leave your fire unattended.

Ensure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving by drowning it with water, stir it to ensure there are no hot coals under the surface, and feel for any heat using the back of your hand.

Vehicles: Keep vehicles off dry grass. Did you know your exhaust can reach temperatures of 1,000+ degrees? Be sure to avoid driving or parking over dry grass. When traveling, ensure your chains are properly connected, dragging chains can start a fire, all it takes is just one spark.

Stoves: If using pressurized or bottled liquid fuel stoves, lanterns, or heating devices, use in barren areas with at least 3 feet of clearance from grasses and other debris that may catch fire. Prevent stoves from tipping.

Spark Arrestors: Ensure that all internal or external combustion engines have a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

For more tips on preventing wildfires visit www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/fire-aviation/prevention.