



# PUBLIC FIRE RESTRICTIONS

ODF South Cascade District - REGULATED USE CLOSURE PROCLAMATION  
 ORS 477.535 to 477.550

TODAY'S FIRE DANGER LEVEL  
 RESP OREGON GREEN



FIRE DANGER LEVEL

**Effective 12:01 a.m., PDT, July 6, 2022**

Debris burning, including burn barrels and debris piles	<b>Prohibited At All Times</b>
Discharge of fireworks, exploding targets, tracer ammunition & sky lanterns on land inside the district or within an one-eighth mile of the district, or crosses above land that is within the district or within one-eighth mile of the district	
Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated locations	
All electric fence controllers in use shall: 1) be listed by nationally recognized laboratory or certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services, and 2) Operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions.	<b>Restricted At All Times</b>

\* Regulated Use Waiver is REQUIRED (Call local ODF office for a free waiver)

Fire Danger Level

\*\*Cleared area means free of all flammable vegetation and debris in a 50' radius

	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
<b>Open fires</b> , including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fire and warming fires. Portable fire pits using liquified or bottled fuels, with landowner permission, in areas free from flammable vegetation, are allowed during low, moderate and high. Burning of illegal materials is not allowed. (Portable cooking stoves using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed at all levels).	Only with Landowner Permission	Only with Landowner Permission	*Only in Designated Locations Waiver Required	Not Allowed
<b>Motor vehicles</b> , including motorcycles and all terrain vehicles, are restricted on <b>unimproved</b> roads, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops. (Motor vehicles are allowed on <b>improved</b> roads free from flammable vegetation all day). • Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.	Allowed All Day	Allowed before 1pm & after 8pm	Allowed before 10am & after 8pm	Not Allowed
<b>Powersaw use is restricted.</b> When allowed each saw being used is required to have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A Fire Watch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.				
<b>Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is restricted</b> to areas that are in a **cleared area and has a charged garden hose or one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available.				
<b>Mowing dried, cured grass with power driven equipment is restricted</b> , except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops. (The use of battery or electric weed eaters with plastic type string is allowed all day).				
Any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is restricted. When conducted in a cleared area, a charged garden hose or one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher must be immediately available.				

For more information on ODF South Cascade District:

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Sweet Home Office: 4690 Highway 20, Sweet Home, Or. 97386, (541) 367-6108

## OREGON REVISED STATUTES

**477.545 Permits required for fires on forestlands; waiver; permit conditions; cooperative agreements for permit administration.** (1) It is unlawful to set or cause to be set an open fire inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district, either on one's own land or on the land of another, without first securing a written permit for burning from the forester and complying with the conditions of the permit. In granting permits for burning: (a) The forester may waive the requirement that permits be secured prior to burning, except during a fire season or when required under rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. (b) The forester shall prescribe conditions necessary to be observed in setting a fire and preventing it from spreading out of control. (c) The forester may prescribe conditions necessary to be observed in maintaining air quality. (2) Any permit obtained through willful misrepresentation is void. (3) To avoid confusion or duplication of administration and to promote government efficiency, the forester may enter into a cooperative agreement with a county, a city or a rural fire protection district that: (a) Allows the forester to administer the requirements of this section, in conjunction with the enforcement authority of ORS 477.980 to 477.993, on lands not otherwise subject to the requirements of this chapter; or (b) Allows the cooperating agency to administer the burning permit requirements of ORS chapter 476 or 478, as appropriate, including applicable enforcement authority, on lands otherwise subject to the requirements of this chapter. (4) Holders of permits for burning shall comply with applicable rules that may be promulgated by the State Board of Forestry and the Department of Environmental Quality. (5) The provisions of this section do not apply to campfires. [1965 c.253 s.95; 1969 c.204 s.204; 1969 c.680 s.1; 1971 c.297 s.1; 1997 c.274 s.12]

**477.550 Violation of restrictions; access for fire fighting permitted.**

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it is unlawful to enter any restricted area except in compliance with ORS 477.535 and 477.545, or to violate any of the requirements or restrictions under such sections. (2) Nothing in this section applies to an owner's right of entry upon the land of the owner or prohibits free access to any area by anyone for the sole purpose of preventing or extinguishing fires. [Formerly 477.162; 1967 c.429 §48]

**477.535 Forester may proclaim forestland subject to restricted uses; coordination of state and federal land restrictions.**

(1) If the forester determines that any forestland inside or within one-eighth of one mile of a forest protection district is particularly exposed to fire danger, by proclamation the forester may designate such forestland as an extra fire hazard and may restrict the use of such forestland. (2) The proclamation shall designate the area to which and the period during which the restrictions apply, and require that the area be subject to use only upon the condition that entrants comply with all the restrictions for the area. (3) The proclamation shall designate the type of closure as: (a) Regulated closure; (b) Permit closure; or (c) Absolute closure. (4) For the purpose of consistency and coordination between all affected agencies in the administration of forestland restrictions, a plan shall be developed by the forester, in cooperation with federal, state and local governmental agencies, landowners and organizations affected by the restrictions. The primary objective of the plan is uniformity of regulations regardless of land ownership. The plan must recognize variation in fire danger and must specify levels of closure by unique but easily recognizable geographic boundaries. [Formerly 477.156; 1967 c.429 §45; 1989 c.615 §3; 1997 c.274 §14]

**477.545 Restricted uses during closure.**

(1) Regulated closures require entrants into designated areas to comply with the requirements set forth in the proclamation under ORS 477.535, which requirements in the judgment of the forester are necessary to prevent danger to life, forest resources or property. (2) Permit closures make the area subject to entry only through permit issued by the forester. The permit shall contain requirements which in the judgment of the forester are necessary to prevent danger to life, forest resources or property. The forester may, during periods of fire hazard conditions, refuse, suspend, revoke or restrict such permits. (3) Absolute closures restrict the areas to all forms of use and shall be designated only during periods of extreme fire hazard conditions endangering life, forest resources or property. [Formerly 477.158; 1967 c.429 §47; 1969 c.204 §6; 1997 c.274 §16]

**477.710 Starting of campfire or other open fire restricted; exceptions.**

It is unlawful for any person to start a campfire or other open fire without first clearing the area immediately around and above it of material that will carry fire, or leave a campfire or other open fire unattended, or permit a campfire or other open fire to spread. This section does not apply to any activity conducted in compliance with ORS 477.365, 477.515, 477.625, 478.960, 526.041, 526.360 or 527.670. [Formerly 477.304; 1967 c.429 §50; 1993 c.430 §2; 1997 c.274 §32]

**477.720 Accidentally setting fire to forestland; failure to prevent spread.**

(1) It is unlawful, having accidentally set fire to any forestland, or any place from which fire may be communicated to forestland, to fail to extinguish the fire or use every possible effort so to do. (2) It is unlawful, having built a fire on or near forestland, through carelessness or neglect to permit the fire to spread to or through the forestland

**477.740 Unlawful use of fire.**

A person commits the offense of unlawful use of fire if the person: (1) In the ignition of a fire: (a) Unlawfully sets on fire, or causes to be set on fire, any grass, grain, stubble or other material being or growing on any lands within the state; (b) Intentionally or negligently allows fire to escape from the person's own land, or land of which the person is in possession or control; or (c) Accidentally sets any fire on the person's own land or the land of another and allows it to escape from control without extinguishing it, or making a bona fide effort to do so. (2) Having knowledge of a fire burning on the person's own land, or land of which the person is in possession or control, fails or neglects to make a bona fide effort to extinguish the same, regardless of whether or not the person is responsible for the starting or existence thereof. [1971 c.743 §307; 1993 c.697 §7; 1997 c.274 §33]

**STATE OF OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
REGULATED CLOSURE PROCLAMATION**

Number 01

Effective 12:01 a.m., PDT, July 6, 2022

By virtue of the authority vested in me under the provisions of ORS 477.535 to 477.550, I hereby proclaim a Regulated Closure to be in effect in the following subject area:

All lands protected by the South Cascade Forest Protection District, and all forestlands within one-eighth mile thereof.

Under this Regulated Closure, except as to the owner's legal right of entry upon their land, entry to all forestland is unlawful unless entrants comply with the following restrictions:

The following restrictions apply:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated locations.
- Open fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are permitted all day with landowner permission during low fire danger (**GREEN**) and moderate fire danger (**BLUE**). Open fires, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are prohibited in high fire (**YELLOW**) danger, except at locations designated by the forester. Additionally, the use of appliances such as portable fire pits using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed, with landowner permission, in areas free of flammable vegetation during low fire danger (**GREEN**), moderate fire danger (**BLUE**) and high fire danger (**YELLOW**). All open fires are prohibited in extreme fire danger (**RED**). Portable cooking stoves using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed at all levels.
- Power saw use is permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during moderate fire danger (**BLUE**) and before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**). The use of power saws is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**). Each power saw is required to have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A Firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.
- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**) as long as it is conducted in a cleared area and has a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available. This activity is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**).
- The mowing or cutting of dried, cured grass is permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during moderate fire danger (**BLUE**), before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (**YELLOW**), and is prohibited during extreme fire danger (**RED**). The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement. The use of battery or electric weed eaters with plastic type string is allowed all day.
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, on un-improved roads are permitted all day during low fire danger (**GREEN**), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8 p.m. during moderate fire

danger (BLUE), before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. during high fire danger (YELLOW). Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, on un-improved roads are prohibited during extreme fire danger (RED) except for the culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Any electric fence controller in use shall be: 1) Listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services; and 2) Operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned when conducted in a cleared area and a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher is immediately available is permitted all day during low fire danger (GREEN), before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during moderate fire danger (BLUE), before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during high fire danger (YELLOW). This activity is prohibited during extreme fire danger (RED).

Aside from these restrictions, also prohibited throughout fire season is backyard debris burning, the use of exploding targets and tracer ammunition.

The State Forester or an authorized representative may, in writing, approve a modification or waiver of these requirements.

Maps of the subject area may be viewed at the State Forester's Office, in Salem, Oregon, and at principal offices of the Forest Protection District.

Fire Danger Adjective Class is as follows:

Low= Green: Activity permitted all day

Moderate= Blue: Activity permitted until 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m.

High= Yellow: Activity permitted until 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m.

Red= Extreme: Activity prohibited



<http://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/closures/definitions.pdf>

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