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Vale Bureau of Land Management rescinding fire restrictions

VALE, Ore. – Effective Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, most public use fire and shooting restrictions will be lifted on lands administered by Vale District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in eastern Oregon.

Fireworks, exploding targets, and incendiary and tracer ammunition are still prohibited on all BLM public lands in Oregon and Washington through the end of October. The annual order is issued to help minimize actions that can cause wildfires. "

As daylight hours become shorter, so does the burn period, and as temperatures are starting to trend cooler, the risk has reduced enough to lift restrictions. While the risk has diminished enough to lift fire restrictions, it is important public land users remain vigilant and do their part to prevent wildfires.

"Hunting season is in full swing, and as we move into this fall weekend, we ask that everyone enjoying the outdoors avoid dry vegetation, ensure camping and off-road vehicle trailer chains are not dragging, and ensure campfires are DEAD OUT, before leaving the area," said Vale District Fire Management Officer Tracy Skerjanec.

Fire managers encourage the public to continue to be cautious with fire and to heed the annual fire prevention order that remains in effect for BLM-managed lands in Oregon through the end of October. The annual order is issued to help minimize actions that can cause wildfires.

All wildfire starts on public or private land should be reported immediately by calling 911.

For more information about Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington seasonal fire restrictions and fire closures, visit <https://www.blm.gov/orwafire>.

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