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Wallowa-Whitman Set to Return to Seasonal Restrictions

BAKER CITY, Ore. (Aug.30, 2023) – The Public Use Restriction [Order 06-16-00-23-04](#) will be rescinded as of Aug 31 at 0001, just in time for the Labor Day weekend.

Seasonal restrictions will still be in effect.

Here are some fire prevention guidelines that will keep us all safe:

1. Campfires are allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread, at a minimum clear of all flammable material within a radius of 3 feet from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible.
2. Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished prior to leaving.
3. Persons with campfires are required to have a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession. The intent of this requirement is to ensure individuals with a campfire have the tools necessary to completely extinguish their campfire.
4. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled gas and wood burning stoves equipped with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length with a spark-arresting screen consisting of ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth are allowed.

5. Use of charcoal briquettes is permitted under the same restrictions as campfires as described above.
6. Within designated wilderness areas users are encouraged to locate fires such that minimal disturbance would be necessary to meet the clearing requirements identified. Naturally cleared areas, previously used sites, and areas where vegetation is non-flammable (green grass) are examples.

For more information about the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and current fire updates, check out our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman>.