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Fire restrictions fade with cooler fall conditions

BAKER CITY, Ore. (October 14, 2020) – With cool conditions prevailing across the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, general Public Use Restrictions are no longer in effect as of Wednesday morning, October 14.

Fire managers ask all of us to keep being careful out there by following [Smokey Bear's fire safety tips](#). They also remind us that year-around fire restrictions still apply to the following special areas:

Wallowa-Whitman, Eagle Cap Wilderness ([Forest Order 06-16-05-20-09](#)): Specific campfire restrictions in the Eagle Cap Wilderness include:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire within 100 feet of any lake or posted wetlands (36 CFR 261.52a).
- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire within ¼ mile (1320 feet) of the following lakes: Bear Lake (Bear Cr. Area), Blue Lake, Chimney Lake, Dollar Lake, Eagle Lake, Frazier Lake, Little Frazier Lake, Glacier Lake, Hobo Lake, Ice Lake, Jewett Lake, Lavery Lake, Maxwell Lake, Mirror Lake, Moccasin Lake, Prospect Lake, Steamboat Lake, Sunshine Lake, Swamp Lake, Tombstone Lake, Traverse Lake, and Upper Lake (36 CFR 261.52a).

Wallowa-Whitman, Snake River in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area ([WAW Forest Order 06-16-00-20-08](#)): Yearlong fire restrictions (building, maintaining, attending, or using fire or campfires) along the wild and scenic portions of the Snake River, within a ¼ mile of the river, from Hells Canyon Dam and downstream to the Oregon-Washington border.

- Prohibits fires except where fueled by charcoal contained in a firepan, fueled by liquid petroleum, or contained in a woodstove with chimney and spark-arresting screen. Further requires fires be attended at all times, fully extinguished when not attended, and take place in a location free of flammable vegetation within three feet of the fire.



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To learn more about current wildfire conditions, restrictions, and incidents on public lands across northeast Oregon, please visit the Blue Mountains Interagency Dispatch Center (<http://bmidc.org/restrictions.shtml>).

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