

VALE BLM LIFTS FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Vale, Ore. -- On October 1, the Vale District Bureau of Land Management will be lifting fire restrictions on all Vale BLM-administered lands, including Bureau of Reclamation lands. Fireworks, exploding targets, and incendiary and tracer ammunition are still prohibited on public lands. Cooler temperature trends, daytime burn periods becoming shorter, and with the overall fire danger decreasing, the risk has diminished enough to lift these restrictions.

While the National Weather Service is forecasting moisture across eastern Oregon on Sunday or Monday, after an entire summer of drying, the dry grass and brush remain susceptible to sparks or embers from campfires, burn piles, and exhaust systems.

"We are monitoring the weather and fire conditions closely and ask that everyone do the same. We all have a responsibility in understanding the risks and reducing the potential for wildfire," said Vale District Manager Don Gonzalez. "With hunting season is upon us, the threat from human-caused ignitions is higher with more people headed to the outdoors. As public land users, it is important that we remain vigilant. We encourage everyone to practice safe shooting techniques, keep motorized vehicles on roads and trails and off dry grass, ensure trailers are not dragging chains, and keep vehicles operating properly. Before you go, know the weather forecast and any regulations that may apply to the area," continued Gonzalez.

Additional information is available at: www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions

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