



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # 06-16-00-25-02



ORDER PHASE C FIRE RESTRICTIONS Wallowa-Whitman NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR, § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are **prohibited** in all National Forest System Lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, in the State of Oregon except for the area within a ¼ mile of the Snake River between Hells Canyon Dam, River Mile 247.5, downstream to the Oregon-Washington border at Snake River Mile 176.0 which is regulated by Forest Order #06-16-00-25-03. See attached map (Exhibit A). This Order is effective from July 23rd, 2026, 12:01 am, through October 31, 2026, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except:
 - a. For camp stoves fueled solely by liquid petroleum or liquefied petroleum gas fuels, and flammable vegetation is cleared a minimum of 3-feet away from open flame on all sides;
 - b. Within the boundaries of the Eagle Cap Wilderness when using a wood-burning stove equipped with a chimney at least 5-feet in length and a spark arresting screen consisting of ¼-inch mesh hardware cloth, and all flammable vegetation within a 3-foot radius is cleared, including overhanging material; 36 CFR § 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine except:
 - a. Electric Generators with a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order in accordance with U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1. 36 CFR § 261.52(j), where the generator is located in the center of an area free of all flammable material with a 10-foot diameter.
 - b. Chainsaws, if the operator possesses a valid personal use firewood cutting permit and follows the conditions outlined in the permit. 36 CFR § 261.52(h).
4. Possessing or using any vehicle off National Forest System roads or National Forest System signed and designated motorized trails, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway. 36 CFR § 261.56. "Vehicle" means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, including any frame, chassis, or body of any motor vehicle, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. 36 CFR § 261.2.
5. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52(f).
6. Using an explosive. 36 CFR § 261.52(b).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order) specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.



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Violations of this prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC § 551; 18 USC §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Executed at Baker City, OR, this _21st___ day of July___2026

Shaun McKinney
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest



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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background:

The Blue Mountain Fire Danger Operating Plan analyzed historic weather and fire occurrence and fire size. At High Fire Danger, fires have grown to 1000 acres or greater at these conditions resulting in large numbers of fire resources need to suppress unplanned fires. These restrictions have been deemed necessary because of decreasing fuel moistures and humidity in conjunction with temperatures promoting problem fire behavior include increase fire spread rate with any fire ignition.

2. Intent of Subpart B Order:

These restrictions are intended to reduce the occurrence of human caused wildfires.

3. Enforcement Plan:

This order will be enforceable by LEOs, FPOs and Special agents. Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.

4. Posting:

The forest and district staff is responsible for posting this order in a reasonable manner.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO	
Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Officers will normally not issue citations unless the affected areas are adequately posted. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.	Law Enforcement Personnel/Forest Protection Officers	Upon Approval

Shaun McKinney/ Traci Zimmerlee (acting)
Forest Supervisor