



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

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



ORDER PHASE A FIRE RESTRICTIONS Wallowa-Whitman NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR, § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System Lands within the boundaries of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, in the State of Oregon. This Order is effective from July 10th, 2026, 12:01 am, until October 31, 2026, unless rescinded sooner. Order number 06-16-00-26-01

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
2. Operating a chainsaw between the hours of 1:00 pm to 8 pm 36 CFR § 261.52. This prohibition includes the operation of chainsaws.
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without 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).
4. Possessing or using a vehicle off National Forest System roads, except when parking in an area within 10 feet of the roadway that is devoid of vegetation 36 CFR § 261.56.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person is exempt from Prohibition 2, operating a chainsaw between the hours of 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm, if they have a valid personal use firewood cutting permit and follow the conditions outlined in the permit for woodcutting.

Violation of these prohibitions is 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 six months, or both (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).



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Executed at Baker City, Oregon, this ___10th___ day of _July___
2026

Shaun McKinney
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa Whitman National Forest



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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background:

These restrictions have been deemed necessary because of increasingly dry fire conditions on the forest. The Forest monitors fuel and fire danger conditions continuously and as a result has determined these restrictions are appropriate and necessary to reduce the risk of human caused wildfire.

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 are 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
Forest Supervisor