



NOTICE

PHASE A PUBLIC-USE RESTRICTIONS

for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Effective September 17th, 2026 until further notice



Use of Chainsaws: Chainsaws may be operated only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time. This prohibition does not apply to personal-use and commercial firewood permit holders operating under the terms of their permit. Except for motor vehicles, combustion engines may not be used without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order per Forest Service Standard 5100-1. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).



Traveling Off Developed Forest Roads and Trails is Not Allowed, except for the purpose of going to and from a campsite located within 300 feet of the open developed road. All motorized travel on roads closed by gates, barricades, berms, rocks, or logs is prohibited.



No Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is cleared of flammable material within at least three feet.

FIRE & STOVE RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A shovel and at least a gallon of water should be present at all times. Fires should be drowned and stirred - then drowned and stirred again - until cool enough to touch.
- Keep campfires and charcoal briquette fires contained in an earthen pit, metal fire ring, or rock ring, with all combustible material removed within a 5-foot radius of the perimeter of the fire ring - and clear of overhanging material.
- Portable cooking stoves and portable fireplaces should have all combustible material removed within a 5-foot radius. Wood burning stoves should be equipped with a chimney at least 5-feet in length and a spark-arresting screen consisting of ¼-inch mesh hardware cloth.
- Campfires are restricted in the Eagle Cap Wilderness to reduce impacts on lakes. Please review the rules on the back of your Wilderness permit.
- Separate rules apply within a ¼ mile of the Wild and Scenic portions of the Snake River (fs.usda.gov/alerts/wallowa-whitman/alerts-notice). Public lands in Idaho administered by the Wallowa-Whitman follow separate Idaho Fire Restrictions (idahofireinfo.com/p/fire-restrictions.html).

For more information on public-use restrictions, please visit our websites:

<http://bmidc.org/restrictions.shtml> or www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman



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Blue Mountain Fire Information Blog: bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com

To report a forest fire, call 911.