



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Moves to Phase B Public Use Restrictions.

Release Date: July 17, 2026

Due to the continued high temperatures and forecasted drying trend, effective at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2026, the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will implement Phase B of Public Use Restrictions (PURs).

Under **Phase B** of Public Use Restrictions, the following acts are **prohibited** on all National Forest System Lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except:
 1. Within a designated campfire ring at a developed recreation site listed in Exhibit A;
 2. When the fire is 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;
 3. 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;
 4. Within the boundaries of the Eagle Cap Wilderness.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
3. Operating an internal combustion engine in a chainsaw except for persons holding a valid personal use firewood cutting permit and following the conditions outlined in the permit.
4. 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.

5. 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. “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.
6. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.
7. Using an explosive

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 authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty

For more information on fire restrictions visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/wallowa-whitman/fire/info> or <https://bmidc.org/incinfo.shtml> for fire information.

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