Fire Danger Raised to Moderate in Northwest Oregon -Message from Oregon Dept. of Forestry

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As warmer weather increases temperatures in the northwest corner of the state, fire managers are **increasing the fire danger level to Moderate (blue)** for Public Use Restrictions in the Northwest 1, 2, and 3 (NW-1, NW-2, and NW-3) weather zones.

This change is effective at 1 a.m. Thursday, June 29.

Campfires will only be allowed at designated camping sites. Dispersed campfires will no longer be allowed. Motorists traveling on forest roads are required to have a shovel and one gallon of water or a 2.5 lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher. Non-industrial use of chain saws is allowed.

In conjunction with the county fire chiefs, a county wide burn ban remains in effect.

Open debris burning has not been allowed since June 14.

Burn barrels require a burning permit, which can be obtained through the Oregon Department of Forestry or a local fire department depending on the location of the residence.

For rural residences using burn barrels: only metal barrels in good condition covered by heavy mesh screens with holes no larger than ¹/₄ inch are acceptable. A charged water supply and hand tools are required to be on site.

The Industrial Fire Precaution levels (IFPL) for NW-1, NW-2, and NW-3 will remain at a level I, with a 1-hour fire watch required.

For up-to-date recorded information about fire season requirements, call 503-325-7215. To request a burning permit or obtain additional information, call 503-325-5451 during business hours.

Public Restrictions Website:

https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx