

## News Release

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### **South Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership Reduces Industrial Fire Precaution Level and Fire Danger Level**

LAKEVIEW, ORE. – With the incoming moisture from Hurricane Hilary, Fire Management Officials within the South Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership (SCOFMP) are reducing Industrial Fire Precautions to level II, and the Fire Danger level to HIGH, beginning Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 12:01 am.

#### **Industrial Fire Precaution Level II means a Partial Hootowl Level II:**

The following may operate between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time:

- Power saws except at loading sites,
- Cable yarding,
- Blasting, and
- Welding or cutting of metal.

The Fire Danger level applies to all private, county, and state wildlands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Klamath-Lake District, as well as the Fremont-Winema National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lakeview District, Crater Lake National Park, and the Sheldon-Hart Mountain and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complexes.

Public Use Restrictions and Regulated Use Closures on state and public lands within South Central Oregon will remain in effect. The public is responsible for ensuring that they have reviewed and are aware of the restrictions in place for the landscape they plan to recreate or work on. For all agencies, violation of these prohibitions could result in citations, fines, and even imprisonment, depending on the agency and order.

Public Use Restrictions and Fire Prevention Orders, please visit <https://scofmp.org/restrictions.shtml>

For more information on the ODF Public Regulated Use Closure, please visit <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx>. For more information on the federal agency.

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*South Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership provides comprehensive wildland fire services to more than eight million acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management Lakeview District; Fremont-Winema National Forest; Oregon Department of Forestry Klamath-Lake District; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex; and Crater Lake National Park. The area encompasses federal, state, and private lands within south-central Oregon and northwest Nevada.*