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Increased Fire Danger to Extreme Across Klamath and Lake Counties

LAKEVIEW, Ore – The South-Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership will increase Fire Danger to **Extreme (Red)**, enact Regulated Use and Public Use Restrictions (PURs) to Stage 2, and implement **Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) III Partial Shutdown** effective 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

Fire Danger will increase to Extreme across lands protected or managed by the Fremont-Winema National Forest, Bureau of Land Management Lakeview District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Crater Lake National Park, and all private, county, and state-protected wildlands within the Klamath-Lake District, Oregon Department of Forestry.

The Fire Danger Rating System helps inform public land users of current fire conditions and the level of caution needed while recreating or working outdoors. Under **Extreme** fire danger, fires can start quickly, spread rapidly, and burn with high intensity. Everyone is urged to use extreme caution to help prevent human-caused wildfires.

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) are based on current and expected fire conditions. It is the responsibility of individuals conducting industrial operations on **public lands** to know the current IFPL and comply with all applicable restrictions. Additional information on Industrial Fire Precaution Levels and current fire restrictions please visit: [Lakeview Interagency Fire Center \(ORLFC\) — Fire Intel](#)

Public Use Restrictions and Regulated Use Closures have been elevated to Stage 2, going into effect to reduce the risk of accidental wildfire starts.

- **NO Campfires on public land:** Building, maintaining, attending, or using a warming fire.
- **Internal Combustion Engines:** Operating an internal combustion engine, including chainsaw use is PROHIBITED. **NO personal wood cutting allowed at this time.**

As authorized under ORS 477.625(1)(a) and OAR 629-043-0026(5), the following requirements apply to holders of a Permit to Operate Power-Driven Machinery on **private, county, and state-protected lands** within the Klamath-Lake District.

Mechanized Harvesters with High-Speed Rotary Saws

1. Required Shutdown: Operation is prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. local time.

2. Operation Area Observer: After no more than 15 minutes of operation, the operator or a designated individual must visually inspect all areas where the machine has operated that day. The observer must be capable of operating fire protection equipment and have adequate transportation and communication to summon assistance if needed.

3. Fire Protection Equipment: At least one of the following must be immediately available (within five minutes) for each operating mechanized harvester:

- A self-propelled water supply of at least 300 gallons, equipped with a pump and hose consistent with OAR 629-043-0020; or
- A suitably equipped dozer, skidder, or forwarder with a front-mounted blade capable of constructing fireline; or
- An approved alternative fire protection option authorized by the Stewardship Forester or authorized representative, including:
 - A capable person with at least five gallons of water continuously observing harvesting operations and inspecting stumps showing signs of friction, wetting affected stumps and the surrounding two-foot area when safe to do so; or
 - A charged hose lay within 200 feet of the mechanized harvester, with additional hose available to reach the operating area.

Tracked Felling, Skidding, and Slash Buster Equipment

- Required Shutdown: Operation is prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. local time.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level III (Partial Shutdown)

IFPL III will be in effect on lands administered by the Fremont-Winema National Forest, Bureau of Land Management Lakeview District, Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

The following activities are prohibited except as noted:

- Cable yarding, except gravity-operated logging systems using non-motorized carriages may operate between **8:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.**, provided all blocks and moving lines remain suspended at least 10 feet above the ground, except the line between the carriage and chokers.
- Power saw use, except at loading sites and during tractor or skidder operations between **8:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

The following activities are permitted between 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. local time:

- Tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, and shovel logging operations where equipment capable of constructing fireline is immediately available.
- Mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material.
- Blasting.
- Welding or cutting metal.
- Any other spark-emitting operation not specifically listed above.

For current fire restrictions and updates, follow the South-Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership on Facebook at **facebook.com/SCOFMPFireInfo**.

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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.