

# IDAHO FIRE RESTRICTIONS PLAN 2026



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## Overview

The Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan is an interagency document that outlines interagency coordination efforts regarding fire restrictions and closures. An interagency approach for initiating restrictions or closures helps provide consistency among the land management partners, while defining the restriction boundaries so they are easily distinguishable to the public. Each restrictions area is encouraged to recruit any affected agency or landowner into restriction conversations whenever possible.

## Signatures

All agencies signatory to the Idaho Statewide Annual Operating Plan are encumbered into Idaho's Fire Restriction Plan. A unique signature page for this plan is not necessary. The agencies, Fire Managers, Idaho Chair, and Area Coordinators meet annually and review/revise the fire restrictions plan before each fire season.

## Plan Purpose

### Restrictions

The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during unusually high fire danger and/or burning conditions, and when other prevention efforts have been exhausted. Fire restrictions impose many limitations on the general public and private landowners and should be implemented only as a portion of an ambitious and successful prevention program. Alternative and preliminary measures include, but are not limited to, increasing the number of prevention signs, public contacts, and media campaigns. Fire restrictions should be considered only when very high or extreme fire danger is predicted to persist. Fire restrictions should be considered one of the last prevention tools to be used and should not be considered to be the prevention program.

### Emergency Area Closures

Emergency closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies. They are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures are not justified by fire danger alone but should be driven by potential risk to life safety due to extreme fire conditions, high potential for human-caused fires, severe shortages of resources, and numerous large fires both locally and nationally that could limit available suppression resources.

## Authority

Fire restrictions and closures can be implemented on state, federal, Tribal Trust and private lands under applicable federal and state laws; See Authorities, Appendix 1. These laws grant the respective agencies the general authority to protect lands entrusted in their care by restricting use or closing areas to entry for protection of life and safety of public. Agencies will consider suspending current burn permits, as well as not issuing new burn permits while restrictions are in place. Agency Administrators are responsible for coordinating with other agencies/tribes, issuing appropriate documentation, and the enforcement of restrictions and closures for those lands on which they have authority; See Roles and Responsibilities, Appendix 2.

Although agencies are encouraged to coordinate and cooperate as much as possible, if Fire Managers/Agency Administrators/Tribal Chairpersons within an area determine it is necessary to go into restrictions, they may do so either as an entire area, or restrict only those areas meeting critical thresholds as defined in the Fire Restrictions Criteria Evaluation, Appendix 12. Agencies are responsible for incorporating the geographic guidelines into their appropriate policy and procedures manuals. Restrictions and closure procedures shall be uniform across restriction areas and the State.

## Area Determination

Idaho has been divided into eight fire restriction areas, each of which corresponds with the fire dispatch area boundaries (see Area Boundaries, Appendix 7). Boundaries for each area generally follow dispatch area boundaries, with a few exceptions placed on wilderness areas in central Idaho, and third tier dispatch areas. Fire Managers and Agency Administrators frequently communicate and work together for each assigned dispatch area throughout the state of Idaho. Fire restrictions coordination and management follows the same foundation within dispatch area boundaries. When Fire Managers and Agency Administrators representing the jurisdictions within an area agree that the conditions warrant a restriction, the entire area will be placed in a restricted status. When Land Managers and Agency Administrators agree that the restrictions for that area can be removed, the entire area will rescind restrictions as a whole. Within most of the dispatch areas/fire restrictions areas in Idaho, refinements of fire restrictions can be accomplished. Those refinement areas are included in this plan and have been created using information from Fire Danger Rating Areas throughout Idaho. There is a consideration for elevation, topography, vegetation, and climate, resulting a reasonable boundary for managing fire restrictions. It is encouraged that area coordinators, Fire Managers, and Agency Administrators manage fire restrictions consistently for the entire dispatch area/fire restrictions area; however, unique conditions may warrant more specific management using the pre-identified zone boundaries within the fire restriction area. This latitude should be used sparingly and only after consultation with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator.

An Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will be designated for each fire restriction area to facilitate discussion between the agencies. As a rule, all agencies should implement and rescind restrictions together, but agencies have latitude to initiate restrictions independently to address special situations or conditions on a case-by-case basis that do not affect the entire area.

## Process for Fire Restrictions

Every spring, Agency Administrators, Fire Managers, law enforcement personnel, and public information personnel will review and validate the restriction and closure plan and applicable agency/tribal documents. All press releases, description of stages, and other necessary agency documents should be available in template format before the start of the fire season.

### Initiation

When fire danger and other relevant criteria indicate that conditions are approaching critical thresholds, Fire Managers within the restriction area should begin preparing for the potential implementation of fire restrictions. Critical thresholds based on fire danger and other established criteria should be identified jointly by all wildland agencies and tribes within the area before the onset of fire season. These guidelines will become part of the area's restriction plan, which will be incorporated into the Area Annual Operating Plan. The planning process for restrictions should include a public awareness campaign that will keep the media informed of the possibility of restrictions. The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator, who is chosen by the Agency Administrator(s) within the area, should coordinate all restriction actions (Appendix 2).

The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will initiate discussion with the area Fire Managers regarding the need to implement restrictions within the area; and once a decision is made to implement restrictions, the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will inform the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Coordinator. The Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Coordinator will communicate the intention of an area to initiate restrictions and coordinate other area's restriction intentions. This decision process should be started early enough so all agencies/tribes in the area have time to plan, properly distribute the restriction documents, and notify the public.

When Fire Managers in the area decide that restrictions are needed, they will inform their respective Agency Administrator that the thresholds for implementing fire restrictions have been reached. All agencies and tribes will coordinate the restriction stages, implementation and rescissions, and timing of media releases.

### Implementation

When considering implementation of fire restrictions and if conditions warrant, the Area Fire Restrictions Coordination may suggest going directly into Stage II instead of entering Stage I. The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will coordinate approval of all agency documents. Each

Agency Administrator will be responsible for assuring that documents are completed and signed. The documents will be based on the elements listed in Stage I & Stage II Restrictions, Appendix 4.

The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will also coordinate public notification with the Area Media Coordinator. Each area's restriction plan will include a media communications process. When implemented, the restriction media release must be clear, concise, and understandable to the general public. Each agency/tribe will post signs and notifications, according to their procedures and regulations, to inform the public of the restrictions. The area Agency Administrator should allow at least 96 hours for agencies to prepare for restrictions before the restriction goes into effect. This includes notifying the Idaho Restrictions Plan Coordinator and Idaho Department of Lands that restrictions are going into effect. Idaho Department of Lands will ensure the Restrictions Map is updated and the Plan Coordinator will notify the rest of state of implementation.

Once a restriction is in effect, participating agencies/tribes will not issue exemptions, exceptions, or waivers to the agreed-upon restrictions except through written individual permits. If permits are issued, affected agencies within the fire restriction area will be notified to avoid confusion among law enforcement and fire personnel. All such exemptions, exceptions or waivers shall be forwarded to the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator and the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Coordinator.

Each agency will be responsible for informing their employees of the restrictions being enacted. Those responsible for public contact (receptionists, etc.) will be provided with a copy of the restrictions and appropriate map.

## Rescission

Areas should plan restrictions for the long-term danger and not react solely to short fluctuations in risk, weather, and fire danger/behavior. When Agency Administrators agree that the restriction should be removed, the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will coordinate public information as conditions warrant and by following the established criteria. Once the Agency Administrators within an area have agreed to rescind any or all restrictions they may be rescinded at any time, and within 48 hours all procedural requirements will be completed. This includes notifying Idaho Departments to ensure the restrictions map is update and the Idaho Restrictions Plan Coordinator.

## Process for Federal and State Public Land Closures

When fire danger/fire behavior threatens firefighter and public safety, the Agency Administrators can implement large-scale closures. These large-scale closures may involve multiple areas and/or multiple jurisdictions. Implementation, rescission, and public notification of closures will occur at the geographic level. Critical levels for implementation of large-scale closures shall be agreed upon by the geographic Agency Administrators before the start of fire season.

Small-scale closures will be used for isolated areas where public and firefighter safety is a concern. Area Agency Administrators will coordinate these closures when more than one

jurisdiction is involved. When a single jurisdiction is involved, the Agency Administrator will inform the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator, who will then inform the other agencies within the area.

## Fire Restrictions Webpages

In addition to posting information concerning both the implementation and rescission of fire restrictions on agency webpages and social media, information will be posted on the Idaho Department of Lands Fire Restrictions Finder.

Idaho Department of Lands Fire Restrictions Finder: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>

Additionally, the Idaho Department of Lands' Restriction Finder can be found directly from this QR code. To use simply copy and paste the image into any messaging.



# APPENDIX 1: AUTHORITIES

Fire restrictions and closures can be invoked on state, federal, and private lands under federal and state laws. The following are a reference of those authorities:

## USDA Forest Service Authorities

### For Closures

36 CFR 261.52(e) -Entering or being upon an area

### For Restrictions

36 CFR 261.50 – Fire

36 CFR 261.52 Subpart B- “Fire- When provided by an order, the following is prohibited:”

### General that applies to both restrictions and closures

16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571 – Violation/Penalties

36 CFR 261.51 – Posting Requirements

## Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et seq.),

Sections 302(b) and 301(a) 43, CFR, Part 9210 (Fire Management) 43, CFR, Part 9212 (Wildfire Prevention).

## Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)/ Tribal

Forest restrictions and closures are issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Agency Superintendent under authority established in 25 CFR 163.3, 25 CFR 163.28.

## State of Idaho, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL)

Using Idaho Code (IC) 38-105 and 38-115 as the authority, the State Board of Land Commissioners developed supplemental rules and regulations that the Director of the Department of Lands, or his designated representative as per IC 38-102, is responsible to apply.

### *The following rules supply direction for Idaho Code:*

- ▽ IDAPA 20.04.01.060 covers burning permits
- ▽ IDAPA 20.04.01.070 provides for area closures
- ▽ IDAPA 20.04.01.080 addresses the requirements for spark arresters during the closed fire season
- ▽ IDAPA 20.04.01.090 allows for invoking smoking limitations
- ▽ IDAPA 20.04.01.120 permits limiting activities to the least dangerous portion of the day

Any restrictions implemented by the Director of the Department of Lands, or his designated representative, will apply to “forest land” and “range land” as defined in Idaho Code 38-101.

## APPENDIX 2: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Idaho Restrictions Group

The Idaho Restrictions Group is made up of representatives of the Idaho Department of Lands, the Bureau of Land Management, the USDA Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal representatives. This group oversees restrictions planning, implementation, and messaging throughout the state of Idaho and appoints annually from its membership the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Chair. The chair role will rotate through the group on a bi-annual basis, with the IDL representative performing the role in 2022/23, USFS in 2024/25, and the BLM in 2026/27. The Idaho Restrictions Group is responsible for the following:

- ▽ Ensure that orders are accurate and approved through their legal counsel and law enforcement professionals.
- ▽ Jointly, develop an Idaho Fire Restrictions planning document.
- ▽ Ensure that the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Chair has the tools needed to perform successfully.
- ▽ Ensure that their agency follows all measures stated in an order.
- ▽ Monitor the success of any enacted restriction.
- ▽ Follow and endorse the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan.
- ▽ Coordinate statewide plan development and all future updates with both the Great Basin and Northern Rockies Coordinating Groups.

### Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Chair

The Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Chair, who serves a two-year term, is responsible to provide the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinators advice and counsel on the following:

- ▽ Impacts of restrictions across areas.
- ▽ Coordination of restrictions between areas.
- ▽ Schedules and facilitates annual meeting and updates the plan.

### Area (Zone) Agency Administrators

The Area Agency Administrators (usually Line Officers, Fire Management Officers, and Fire Wardens in the local fire protection jurisdiction) are responsible for the following:

- ▽ Nominate an Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator.
- ▽ Jointly, develop an Area Restrictions Plan.
- ▽ Participate in restrictions decisions and orders for the area.
- ▽ Ensure that their agency follows all measures stated in an order.
- ▽ Ensure that the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Chair has the tools needed to perform successfully.
- ▽ Monitor the success of the enacted restriction and provide timely feedback to the area decision team.
- ▽ Follow and endorse the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan.

### Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator

The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator is responsible for the following:

- ∇ Ensure all Agency Administrators in the zone have a copy of the Area Restrictions Plan and review it annually.
- ∇ Oversee the restriction implementation and rescission process.
- ∇ Ensure that restrictions decisions are collaborative and align with pre-established criteria.
- ∇ Gather all information from each cooperator needed to make informed decisions. Monitor fire restriction criteria within the restriction area.
- ∇ Communicate with neighboring areas on their activity and keep the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Chair informed of decisions, implementation activities and problems.
- ∇ Monitor and gather information for timely rescinding orders.
- ∇ Coordinate area public notification of restrictions information with Area Media Lead.

### Area Media Coordinator

The Area Media Coordinator is responsible for the following:

- ∇ Coordinate with the public information representatives from the member agencies to craft and distribute (to each member's sphere of influence) a **joint media release**(when possible) that is clear, concise, and understandable to the general public.  
\*understanding that agencies are under different guidelines in regards to joint media releases.

## APPENDIX 3: AREA RESTRICTIONS COORDINATORS

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The Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Chair position will rotate between the USFS, IDL, and BLM and will serve a 2-year term. The rotation schedule (which is subject to change) is as follows:

USFS 2024-2025

BLM 2026-2027

IDL 2028-2029

USFS 2030-2031

IDL 2032-2034

## APPENDIX 4: STAGE I AND STAGE II RESTRICTIONS

There will be two fire restriction stages in Idaho: Stage I and Stage II. Each agency/tribe with a fire restriction area must write its own agency/tribal document that authorizes the restrictions within its jurisdiction. Each agency/tribe is responsible for using its own format and having their Legal Counsel review the document to assure it is correct and enforceable. To reduce confusion and standardize the restrictions, the following criteria (when applicable) will be used in all restriction documents, a restriction order templates are included in this plan (Appendix 10):

### STAGE I

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, or on their own land, and only within an owner-provided fire structure (see definition).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

### STAGE I- Exemptions

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using stove fires with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length and employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch.
4. Persons using metal fire pans\* (see definition) within ¼ mile of:
  - a. The Salmon River from the Corn Creek launch site to Vinegar Creek.
  - b. The Middle Fork of the Salmon River.
  - c. The Selway River from the Paradise boat launch to Race Creek.
  - d. The Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam to the City of Lewiston.
  - e. Henry's Fork of the Snake River from St. Anthony to Mike Walker Boat Access.
  - f. South Fork of the Snake River from Palisades Dam to Mike Walker Boat Access.

**The only exception to the ¼ mile rule is:**

g. Salmon River from Vinegar Creek to its mouth at the Snake River, where fire pans are allowed only below the mean high-water mark.

\*A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top. Pack-out of ashes is required.

**Fire Pan and Ash Removal:** An approved fire pan is a durable, metal pan at least 12-inches x 12-inches wide, with at least a 3-inch lip around its outer edge and sufficient to contain a fire and its remains. Visitors must elevate fire pans off the ground to prevent scorching of the soil. If the fire pan does not have legs to elevate it, rocks must be placed underneath the corners of the fire pan. All ash must be removed and carried out of the river corridor in a sealed container or durable bag.

5. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

## STAGE II

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire (wood or gas fueled), or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails in accordance with existing travel management plans.
4. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
  - a. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, yarding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering.
  - B. Blasting, welding, grinding or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.
  - c. Using an explosive.

A patrol is required for 1 hour minimum and 3 hours for any forest operations contract that requires it (such as a Certificate of Compliance issued by the Idaho Department of Lands\*) following cessation of all work as described in a, b, and c above.

\*Option 1-Certificates of Compliance are only required the minimum 1-hour patrol.

## STAGE II- Exemptions

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

1. Persons with a written permit, or special use authorization that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire or stove fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using stove fires with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length and employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch on federal lands designated as the Frank Church River of No Return, Gospel Hump, or Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Areas.
4. Persons using metal fire pans\* (see definition) within ¼ mile of:
  - a. The Salmon River from the Corn Creek launch site to Vinegar Creek.
  - b. The Middle Fork of the Salmon River.
  - c. The Selway River from the Paradise boat launch to Race creek.
  - d. The Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam to the City of Lewiston.
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- g. Salmon River from Vinegar Creek to its mouth at the Snake River, where fire pans are allowed only below the mean high-water mark.

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**Fire Pan and Ash Removal:** An approved fire pan is a durable, metal pan at least 12-inches x 12-inches wide, with at least a 3-inch lip around its outer edge and sufficient to contain a fire and its remains. Visitors must elevate fire pans off the ground to prevent scorching of the soil. If the fire pan does not have legs to elevate it, rocks must be placed underneath the corners of the

fire pan. All ash must be removed and carried out of the river corridor in a sealed container or durable bag.

5. Persons using a generator with an approved spark arrester on areas that are cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
6. Log loading and hauling only from landings and existing roads.
7. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.
8. Crop lands.
9. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions in Stage II Exemptions for Public Utilities and Railroads, Appendix 11.
10. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.
11. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
12. All land within a city boundary.

## EXAMPLE OF VOLUNTARY RESTRICTIONS:

During times of critical fire danger additional measures may be instituted at the discretion of the approving land management administrators.

### Voluntary Measures for Idaho Department of Lands Logging Operations, 2015

Due to the continuing extreme fire conditions in northern Idaho the Idaho Department of Lands and the forest industry have jointly developed and instituted the following voluntary measures on logging operations occurring on state and private forestlands currently under Stage II fire restrictions. Those adopting these voluntary measures plan to make them effective on Monday, August 17, 2015, until further notice.

1. LOGGING AND MASTICATION OPERATIONS: Cease all chainsaw, mastication, and tracked harvesting and skidding operations by 11:00 A.M. OR if using a handheld pocket weather station (e.g. – Kestrel 3000), cease all harvesting operations when relative humidity is below 30% and wind speeds exceed 6 mph. Regardless, all harvesting and skidding operations must cease by 1 pm as required under Stage II restrictions.

2. LINE SKIDDING OPERATIONS: Cease all line skidding operations by 11:00 A.M. OR If using a handheld pocket weather station (e.g. – Kestrel 3000), cease all line skidding operations when relative humidity is below 30% and wind speeds exceed 6 mph. Regardless, all line skidding operations must cease by 1 pm as required under Stage II restrictions.

Exception – gravity systems without a motorized carriage and a static tail hold where the butt rigging maintains 10-foot ground clearance throughout the yarding cycle will be permitted to operate until 1:00 P.M.

3. RED FLAG WARNINGS: Suspend all harvesting and line skidding operations in areas where a red flag warning has been declared by the National Weather Service until lifted.

4. DAILY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS: Operators should conduct daily inspections of equipment to clear away dry organic material and other flammable debris from heat sources and ensure proper functioning of all systems and components (exhaust, tracks, spark arrestors, etc.).

5. WATER DELIVERY: Provide water delivery capabilities on all logging operations.

6. EXTENDED PATROL: An equipment operator will remain patrolling onsite until 6:00 P.M. and be capable of operating a dozer or excavator for line construction purposes, if needed. (NOTE: Personnel are encouraged to walk the harvest unit during this extended patrol period. Consider having 2 people onsite until 6:00 pm – 1 person to operate equipment and another to call in the fire and operate water delivery systems as necessary.)

## APPENDIX 5: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions should be used as part of, or referenced to, in the Special Orders or Laws that initiate and authorize a Stage I or Stage II Fire Restrictions:

**AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR:** That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, USDA Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Managers, BLM District Managers, Park Managers and other state agency officials.

Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the USDA Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Idaho State Forester, or Director of the Idaho Department of Lands.

**CAMPFIRE:** A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes.

Campfires are open fires (usually built on the ground) using native fuels or charcoal, and include burn barrels, enclosed fireplace stands, and charcoal grills.

**APPROVED SPARK ARRESTER:** A spark arresting device for internal combustion engines that is properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either: (1) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a, or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a).

**CHAINSAW:** A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

**CLOSURE:** The closing of an area to entry or use.

**DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS:** On federal lands those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by land management agencies on Motorized Vehicle Use Maps. On state and private lands designated roads and trails are those that exhibit a distinct running surface free of any flammable vegetation or debris.

**DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE:** A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately-owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

**FOREST OPERATION:** An activity or service conducted on forest lands involving any of the operations where a Certificate of Compliance is required pursuant to Section 38-122, Idaho Code.

**METAL FIRE PAN:** An approved fire pan is a durable, metal pan at least 12-inches x 12-inches wide, with at least a 3-inch lip around its outer edge and sufficient to contain a fire and its remains, and a metal grate on top.

**MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT:** Any equipment or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

**OWNER-PROVIDED FIRE STRUCTURE:** A permanent metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire, or cooking fire provided by the agency, or landowner with a clearance of ten feet on all sides that is free of any flammable vegetation. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined above.

**PATROL:** One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for, suppressing, and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

**PERMIT:** A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

**RESTRICTION:** A limitation on an activity or use.

**STOVE FIRE:** A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove.

# APPENDIX 6: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## General Questions Regarding Fire Restrictions- **regardless of stage**

### 1. *What lands are covered under the restrictions?*

Federal, State, Tribal and private lands (outside of city limits and incorporated areas), which lie within the restriction area boundary. (See Maps).

### 2. *What are the penalties or fines for violating a restriction order?*

The maximum penalty for violating a fire restriction order differs depending on the enforcement agency:

Forest Service: The maximum penalty for violating a restriction order is \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for corporations and/or 6 months imprisonment. The maximum penalty would be imposed by the Federal Magistrate following a court appearance.

BLM: Violation of the prohibited acts is punishable by fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months (Title 18 USC 1856, Title 43 USC 1701, Title 43 9212.4, and/or appropriate State laws).

State: County Sheriff responsible for enforcement of Idaho Code, could result in Misdemeanor citation. Actual cost of fire suppression response may be billed to responsible party.

BIA/ Tribal: Follow State and County regulations and penalties.

If violating a fire restriction order results in a wildfire, the violator will also be liable for all suppression costs resulting from the wildfire including damage to property and resources. Criminal charges may also be imposed.

### 3. *What is a developed recreation site?*

An area that has been improved or developed for recreation. A developed recreation site is signed as a privately owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency owned campground or picnic area.

### 4. *Are the public lands closed due to the fire restrictions?*

No. Your public lands remain open for use. However, in the event of a fire, there may be temporary road or area closures associated with the incident to provide for public and firefighter safety.

## STAGE I RESTRICTIONS SPECIFIC FAQ:

### Campfires:

1. *Under Stage I fire restrictions where can I have a campfire?*

Campfires are allowed in developed recreation sites with owner provided fire structures. Owner provided fire structures relates to the owner of the land, so personally owned charcoal grills, fire pans, wood or charcoal fueled “sheep herder” stoves, etc. **are restricted** on land you do not own when we are in Stage I fire restrictions.

2. *I have a privately owned summer home on land leased to me by a federal agency, **am I restricted from having a campfire at my summer home?***

**Yes**, your summer home lease probably is included in the restriction because your leased lot is not a designated recreation area under the definition listed above. It is not signed as a commercial campground or picnic area and the owner of the land (federal) in all likelihood did not provide your fire structure.

3. *I have a privately owned cabin on private land. Can I have a campfire on my own land?*

If you live within a city limit or incorporated area, your city fire chief determines local direction. If your privately owned land is outside of a city limit or incorporated area, you may have a campfire on your own land only within an owner-provided **fire structure** (see definitions for fire structure). Otherwise, you are restricted from having a campfire under state statutes (Idaho Code, Title 38, Sections 115 and 116).

4. *I am an outfitter/guide/contractor who has a permit or contract to conduct business on federal, state and/or tribal lands. Am I exempt from these restrictions?*

No, unless you have a written permit which authorizes the prohibited activities by the appropriate agency official granting a specific exemption.

### Stove Fires:

1. *Under Stage I Fire Restrictions, are stoves allowed and if so what kind?*

Any stove fueled solely by liquid petroleum (i.e. gas, white gas fuel etc.) or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) (i.e. propane, etc.) fuel is OK under both Stage I and Stage II. Stoves fueled by wood that are not being used in a building or vehicle are prohibited under both Stage I and Stage II.

2. *What about fire pans on the river corridors?*

Metal fire pans can be used in the following locations:

Persons using a metal fire pan\* within ¼ mile of:

- a. The Salmon River from the Corn Creek launch site to Vinegar Creek.
- b. The Middle Fork of the Salmon River.
- c. The Selway River from the Paradise boat launch to Race Creek
- d. The Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam to the City of Lewiston
- e. Henry's Fork of the Snake River from St. Anthony to Mike Walker Boat Access.
- f. South Fork of the Snake River from Palisades Dam to Mike Walker Boat Access.

The only exception to the ¼ mile rule is:

- g. Salmon River from Vinegar Creek to its mouth at the Snake River, where fire pans are allowed only below the mean high-water mark.

\*A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top. Pack-out of ashes is required.

**Fire Pan and Ash Removal:** An approved fire pan is a durable, metal pan at least 12-inches x 12-inches wide, with at least a 3-inch lip around its outer edge and sufficient to contain a fire and its remains. Visitors must elevate fire pans off the ground to prevent scorching of the soil. If the fire pan does not have legs to elevate it, rocks must be placed underneath the corners of the fire pan. All ash must be removed and carried out of the river corridor in a sealed container or durable bag.

*3. Why can't I use my "shepherd" stove in my wall tent, it has a spark arrestor and is fully enclosed?*

Sheep herder stoves are prohibited in wall tents because they are not being used in a building or vehicle and since they burn wood or charcoal are considered the same as a campfire. They are also usually not used in developed recreation sites, and even if they are, the stoves are not considered owner provided fire structures. There is potential for these stoves to cause wildfires both while in use and when users discard the ashes.

*4. Why are portable charcoal grills restricted?*

Charcoal grills can easily cause wildfires because they can hold heat long period of time and users usually discard the ashes. Portable charcoal grills can also easily be tipped over and can produce blowing embers which can easily ignite vegetation during extreme fire conditions.

Charcoal is OK to use under Stage I Fire Restrictions in developed recreation sites in owner provided fire structures ONLY- because the owner provided structure is permanently mounted in a fixed position and cannot be easily tipped over.

5. *Why are LPG and liquid fueled stoves OK?*

Using liquid or gas fuel eliminates ashes or hot charcoal briquettes that need disposal. These types of stoves do not produce embers. Additionally, they have an ON/OFF switch that once "OFF" have a substantially reduced ability to ignite a wildfire.

6. *Can I use my Dutch oven?*

Dutch Ovens in and of themselves are not restricted- how they are heated is. During Stage I fire restrictions if you are using wood or charcoal, they may 1. be used ONLY in developed recreation sites in owner provided fire structures. They can be used anywhere at any time utilizing stoves fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas.

**MOTORIZED VEHICLES:**

1. *Are there any restrictions on motorized vehicles?*

**Under Stage I fire restrictions**, motorized vehicle use is not restricted due to wildfire issues. Visitors are reminded, however, to consult agency travel plan maps because there are identified roads and trails that are closed to motorized travel either seasonally or year-round. Some agencies also may have restrictions which require users to stay on designated roads and trails year-round regardless of whether there is a fire restriction in place or not.

Idaho Code requires between May 10th and October 20th, regardless of whether there is a fire restriction in place, all internal combustion engines must be equipped with properly installed, maintained, and effectively working spark arrestors. Additionally, all operators of motorcycles, trail bikes and all-terrain vehicles and similar type motorized vehicles are required to carry one serviceable shovel and one (1 gallon minimum) water container.

2. *Are there any restrictions on the use of chainsaws or generators?*

During **Stage I fire restrictions there are no restrictions** on the use of chainsaws or generators.

Users are reminded that personal use and/or commercial use firewood gathering permits are still required. Many federal and state land agencies have identified designated areas where these activities are allowed and other areas where wood gathering is prohibited.

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**SMOKING:**

1. *What are the restrictions on smoking?*

Under **Stage I fire restrictions**, smoking is PROHIBITED except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

## **FIREWORKS:**

### *1. Where are fireworks allowed?*

Fireworks are always illegal on all federal lands. Even possession of fireworks is illegal on these lands. Prior to igniting fireworks on privately owned lands, consult your local fire department since this activity may be illegal under city and/or county ordinances.

Idaho Code prohibits “throwing away of any lighted materials.”

## **STAGE II SPECIFIC FIRE RESTRICTIONS FAQ:**

### **Campfires:**

#### *1. Under Stage II fire restrictions where can I have a campfire?*

Campfires are **not allowed anywhere** when under a Stage II restriction.

#### *2. I have a privately owned summer home on land leased to me by a federal agency, can I have a campfire at my summer home?*

**NO**, under stage II fire restrictions all campfires are prohibited outside of city limits and/or incorporated areas.

#### *3. I have a privately owned cabin on private land. Can I have a campfire on my own land?*

**NO**, if your privately owned land is outside of a city limit or incorporated area you are restricted from having a campfire under state statutes (Idaho Code, Title 38, Section 115).

#### *4. I am an outfitter/guide/contractor who has a permit or contract to conduct business on federal, state and/or tribal lands. Am I exempt from these restrictions?*

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### **Stove Fires:**

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**See Stage I Specific FAQ**

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**See Stage I Specific FAQ**

6. *Can I use my Dutch oven?*

**See Stage I Specific FAQ**

**Motorized vehicles:**

1. *Are there any restrictions on motorized vehicles during STAGE II?*

Under Stage II motorized vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails. Visitors are reminded to consult agency travel plan maps because there are identified roads and trails that are closed to motorized travel either seasonally or year-round. Some agencies also may have restrictions which require users to stay on designated roads and trails year-round regardless of whether there is fire restriction in place or not.

2. *Are there any restrictions on the use of chainsaws or generators during STAGE II?*

Under Stage II fire restrictions there are restrictions on the use of chainsaws or generators relating to wildfire potential. The following acts are prohibited between the hours of 1:00 pm and 1:00 am and are known as “HOOT OWL Hours.”

Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, yarding, road building, and woodcutting during industrial or firewood gathering. Operators are required to patrol for a minimum of 1 hour (3 hours for anyone engaged in a Forest Operation requiring a Certificate of Compliance\*) following the cessation of this type of work to ensure that a fire has not started.

Users are reminded that personal use and/or commercial use firewood gathering permits are still required. Many federal and state land agencies have identified designated areas where these activities are allowed and other areas where wood gathering is prohibited. Generators are not restricted if they are not being used in conjunction with these types of operations.

\*Note: *Option 1-Certificates of Compliance* are exempt from the 3-hour time requirement but must still patrol for the minimum 1 hour.

**Blasting and Welding/Grinding:**

1. *Are there restrictions on blasting and welding/grinding?*

**Yes.** Between the hours of 1:00 pm and 1:00 am the following acts are prohibited: blasting, welding, grinding or other activities that generate flame, sparks, or flammable material. A patrol is required for a minimum of 1 hour (3 hours for anyone engaged in a Forest Operation requiring a Certificate of Compliance\*) following the cessation of these types of activities.

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1. *What are the restrictions on smoking?*

**See Stage I Specific FAQ**

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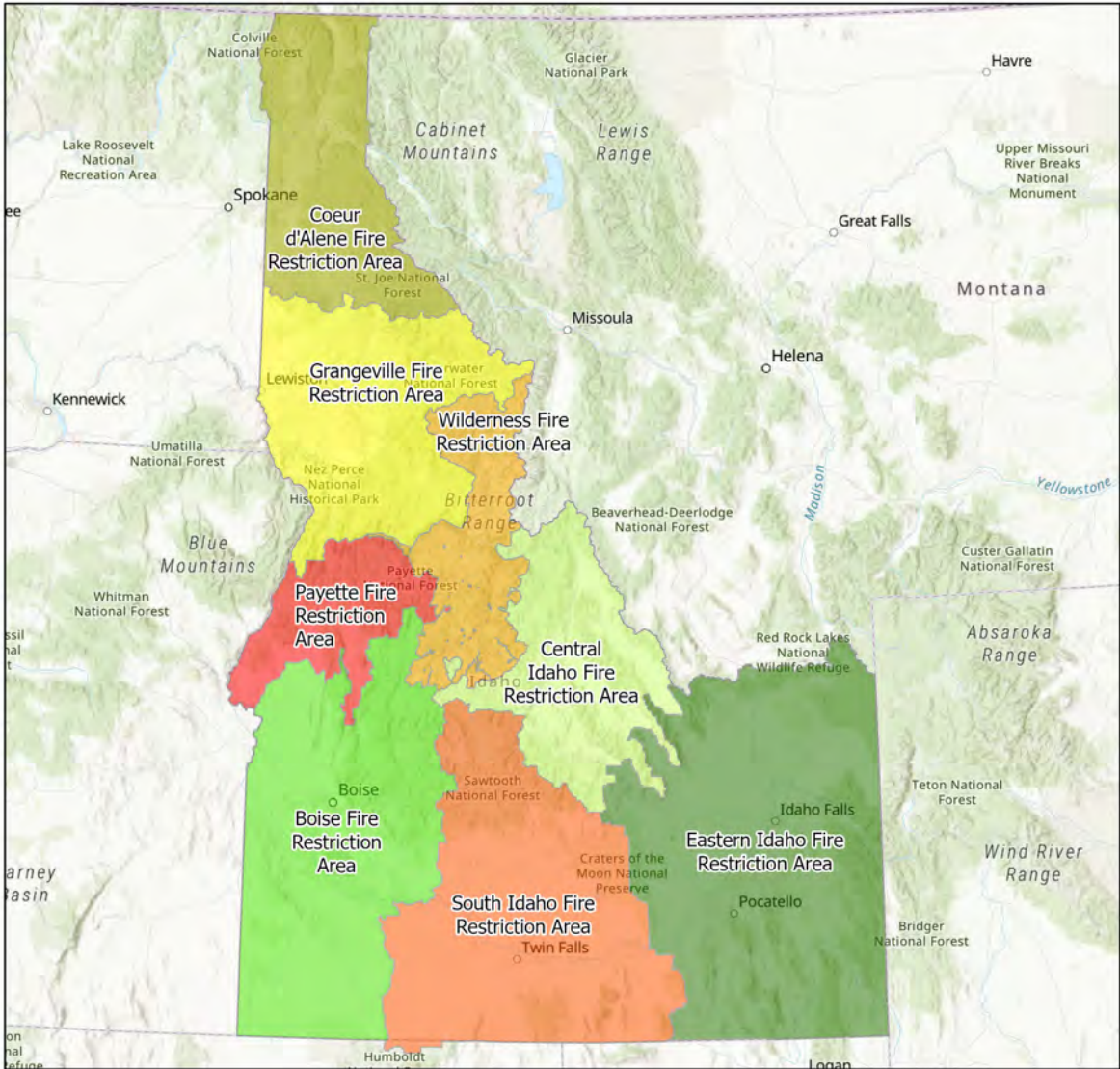
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Idaho Code prohibits “throwing away of any lighted materials.” If a wildfire is a result of a firework, the responsible party may be liable for suppression costs and damages.

# APPENDIX 7: MAP- FIRE RESTRICTION AREAS - ALL

## Idaho Fire Restriction Areas



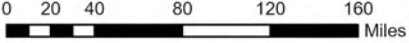




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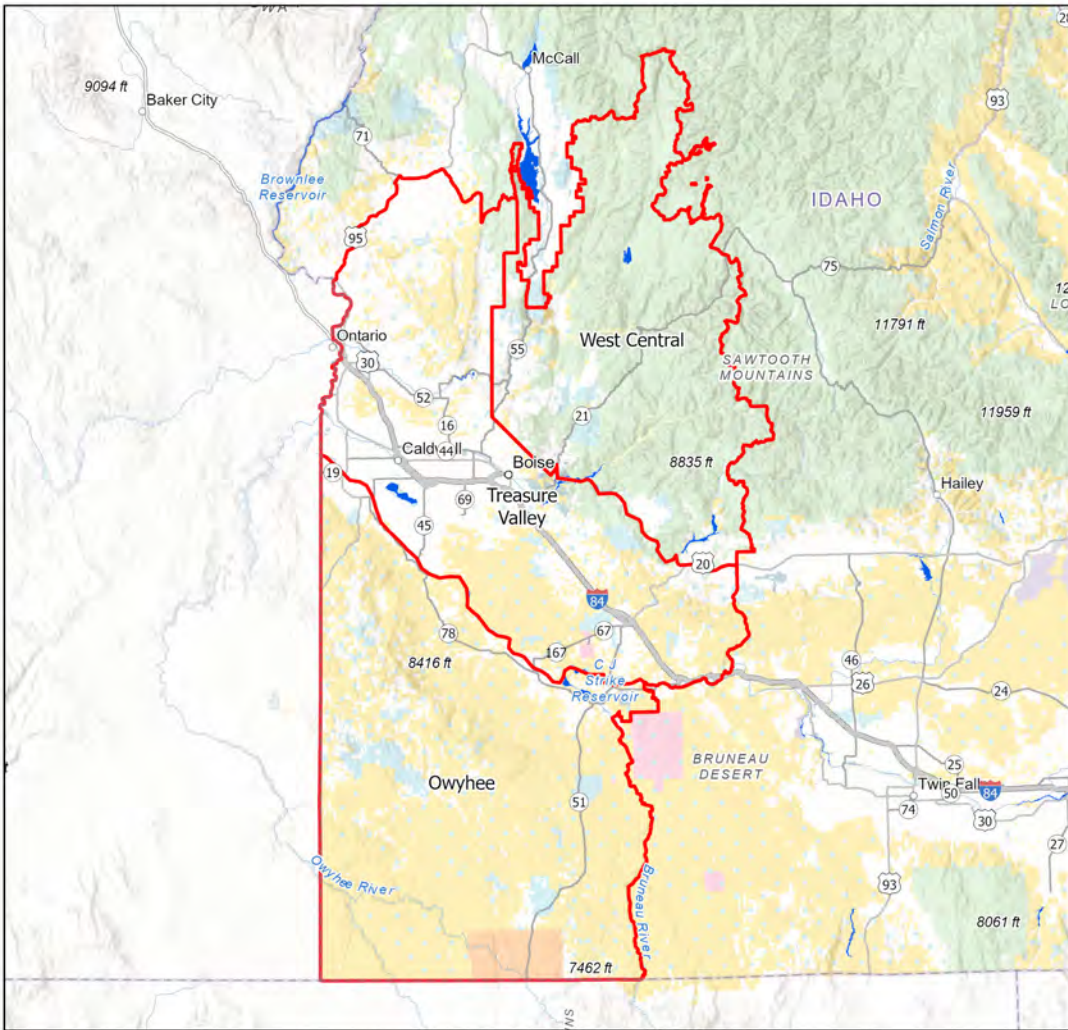
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# APPENDIX 8: FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA PLANS WITH AREA & ZONE MAPS

## BOISE

### Boise Fire Restriction Areas

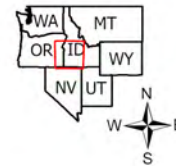
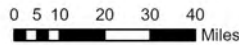


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## BOISE FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA

The Boise fire restrictions area corresponds with the Boise Dispatch Area. Within the Boise fire restrictions area options for managing restrictions also include:

### Owyhee Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone

All of Owyhee County west of the Bruneau Canyon.

### Treasure Valley Fire Restrictions Zone

All of Ada, Canyon, Gem, Payette and Washington Counties. Portions of Boise County including the administrative boundary of Lucky Peak Lake to Arrowrock Dam, south shore of Arrowrock Reservoir and that portion of Elmore County that lies south of the South Fork Boise River to Anderson Ranch Dam, south along Anderson Dam Rd (FS134) to Hwy 20, east on Hwy 20 to the Elmore/Gooding County line south to I-84, west following the Snake River to the Idaho/Oregon border.

### West Central Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone

Boise National Forest, Boise District BLM and State and Endowment Lands within Elmore County and Boise County. Boise National Forest lands within Valley County. From the point where the Boise National Forest boundary intersects Idaho State highway 20 near Dixie following the Boise Forest boundary west and north along the ridge of the Danskin to Boise front foothills and extending North encompassing the Idaho Department of Lands to its intersection back with the Boise National Forest boundary near Sagehen reservoir and State and Endowment Lands in the High Valley Area (Valley County). The far northern boundary includes all Boise National Forest lands excluding those within the Frank Church Wilderness. All lands north of Sagehen reservoir including Tripod Mountain and West Mountain within the North Fork Payette River drainage north to near Tamarack Resort.

## Boise Fire Restrictions Area Media Leads

All zone media leads will:

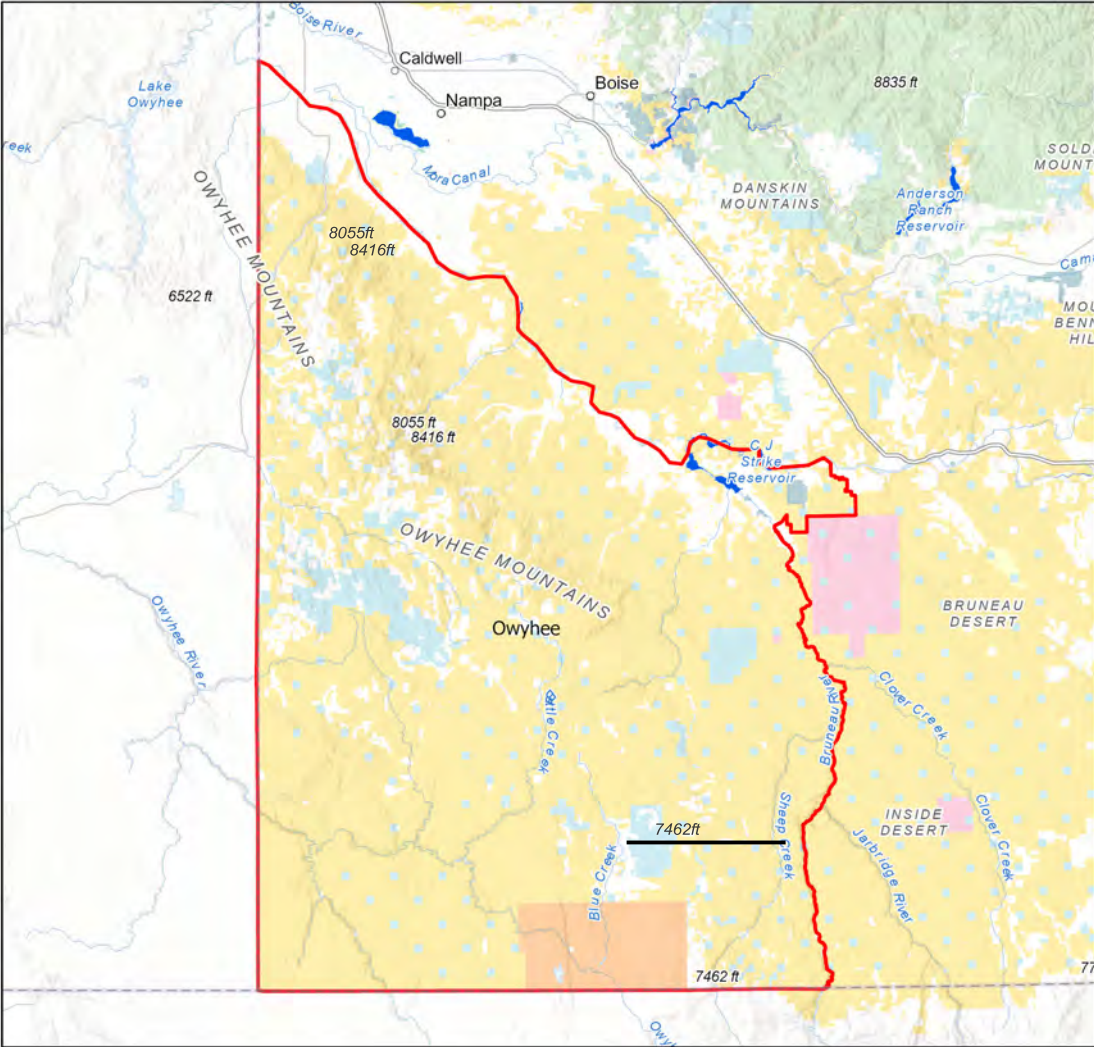
- Work with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with prevention personnel for distribution and education of the public to ensure understanding and compliance with fire restrictions and closure orders.
- Assure that all the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media (radio, print, television, etc.).

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## Boise Fire Restriction Area

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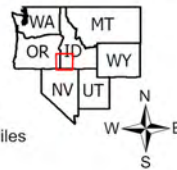
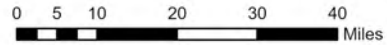


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# Treasure Valley

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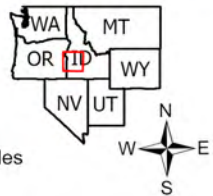
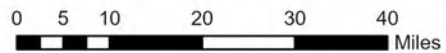


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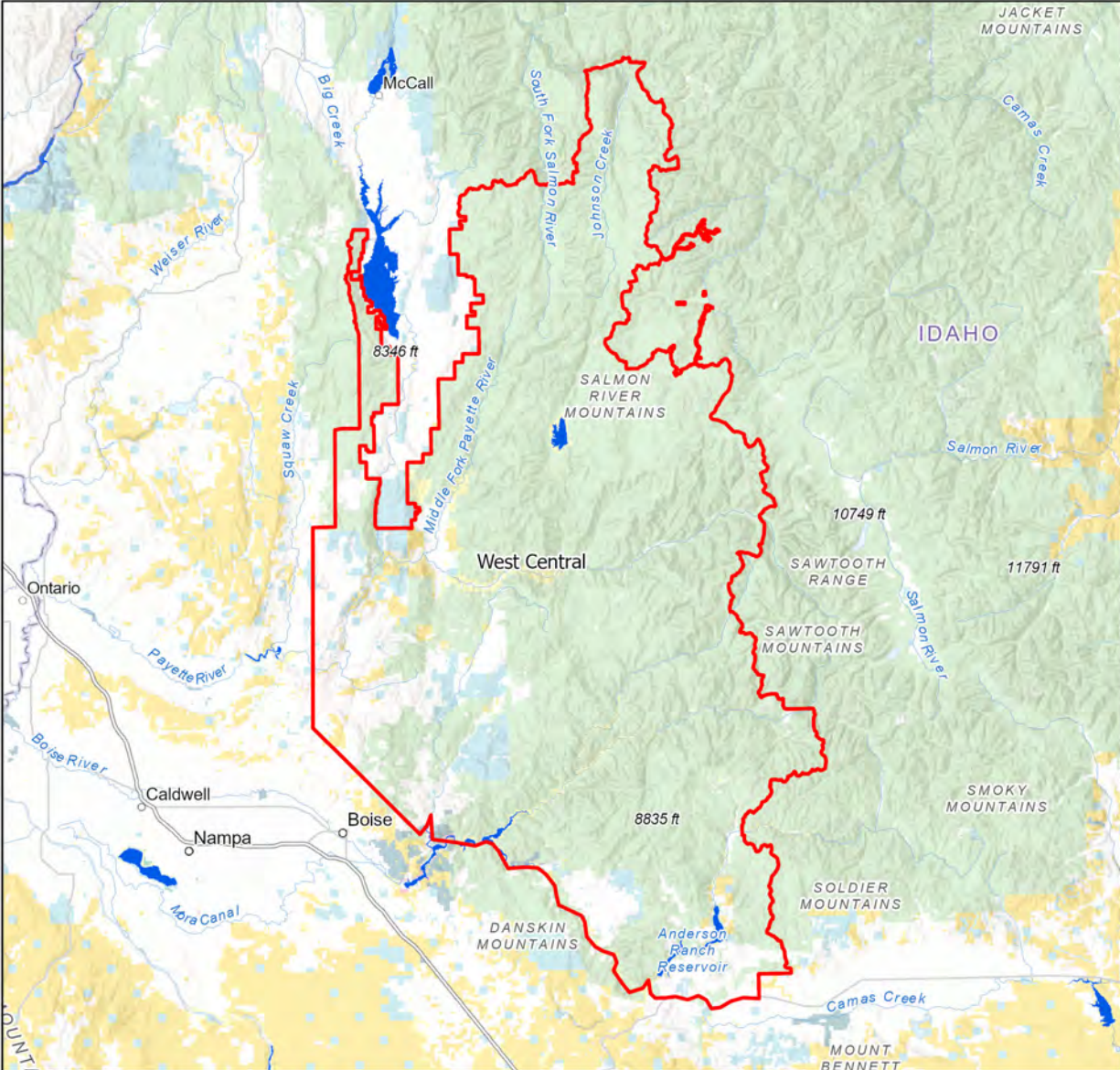
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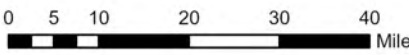
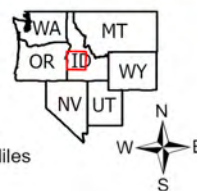



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## Owyhee Fire Restrictions Zone Plan

### Owyhee Zone Fire Restrictions Coordinator

The Boise Dispatch Intel Assistant will serve as the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The Center Manager will serve as alternate Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator.

### Owyhee Fire Restrictions Evaluation Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Owyhee Mountains Area:

1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12 percent or less.

Three-day mean Burning Index (BI) is at the 60th percentile or above.

Sage Brush Live Fuel Moisture Content is 60 percent or less.

Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.

Area is receiving human-caused fire starts and the risk is predicted to increase from human activity (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.)

Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7-10 days as depicted on the local "National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential" website <https://fsapps.nwcc.gov/psp/npsg/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather conditions would include a "Fuel Dryness" rating of Very Dry, or any predicted "High Risk Events" over the next 7 days.

All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The "National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center" web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/index.php> is another reference.

### Stage I

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

## **Stage II**

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction and moving into Stage I restriction.

### **Owyhee Zone Land Management Decision Group**

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

Boise District – BLM  
Southwest Idaho Forest Protective District – IDL  
Twin Falls District – BLM  
Boise National Forest – FS

### **Owyhee Zone Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provided maps of the restriction areas, rationale for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

#### **Counties**

Owyhee County Emergency Coordinator (contact FD, LE, etc.)

#### **State Agencies/Local Agencies**

Idaho Office of Emergency Services  
Idaho Department of Transportation  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game  
Idaho Department of Lands- Coeur d'Alene Fire Bureau

#### **Other Federal Agencies**

US Bureau of Reclamation Swan Falls Dam  
Duck Valley Indian Reservation – BIA

## **Media Plan**

The Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Twin Falls District BLM, and the Boise National Forest. The alternate Lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Idaho Department of Lands Fire Warden. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

## Treasure Valley Fire Restrictions Zone Plan

### **Treasure Valley Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator**

The Boise Dispatch Intel Assistant will serve as the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The Center Manager will serve as alternate Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator.

### **Treasure Valley Fire Restrictions Evaluation Guidelines**

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Treasure Valley Area:

[ ] 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12 percent less.

[ ] Burning Index (BI) is at the 60th percentile or above.

[ ] Sage Brush Live Fuel Moisture Content is 60 percent or less.

[ ] Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.

[ ] Area is receiving human-caused fire starts and the risk is predicted to increase from human activity (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.)

[ ] Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7-10 days as depicted on the local "National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential" website

<https://fsapps.nwcg.gov/psp/npsg/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather

conditions would include a “Fuel Dryness” rating of Very Dry, or any predicted “High Risk Events” over the next 7 days.

[ ] All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The “National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center” web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/> is another reference.

### **Stage I**

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

### **Stage II**

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction and moving into Stage I restriction.

### **Treasure Valley Zone Land Management Decision Group**

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

Boise District – BLM  
Southwest Idaho Timber Protective District - IDL  
Boise NF  
Twin Falls District – BLM

### **Treasure Valley Zone Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provided maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc.

prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

### **Counties**

Emergency Coordinators: Ada, Boise, Elmore, Gem, Payette, and Washington

### **State Agencies/Local Agencies**

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation  
Idaho Office of Emergency Services  
Idaho Department of Transportation  
US Bureau of Reclamation Swan Falls Dam  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
Idaho Department of Lands- Coeur d'Alene Fire Bureau

### **Other Federal Agencies**

All Districts PAF, STF  
Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge  
Bureau of Reclamation  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Army Corps of Engineers

### **Military**

Gowen Field - Idaho National Guard  
Mountain Home AFB

### **Media Plan**

The Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Twin Falls District BLM, and the Boise National Forest. The alternate Lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Idaho Department of Lands Fire Warden. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

## West Central Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone Plan

### West Central Mountains Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator

The Boise Dispatch Intel Assistant will serve as the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in this area. The Center Manager will serve as alternate Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator.

### West Central Mountains Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the West Central Mountains Restriction Area:

1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 10percent or less.

Three-day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.

Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.

Area is receiving human-caused fire starts and the risk is predicted to increase from human activity (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.)

Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7-10 days as depicted on the local "National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential" website <https://fsapps.nwcg.gov/psp/npsq/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather conditions would include a "Fuel Dryness" rating of Very Dry, or any predicted "High Risk Events" over the next 7 days.

All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The "National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center" web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/> is another reference.

### Stage I

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

## **Stage II**

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction and moving into Stage I restriction.

## **West Central Mountains Zone Land Management Decision Group**

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- Boise District - BLM
- Boise NF
- Southwest Idaho Forest Protective District - IDL
- Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association
- Twin Falls District – BLM
- Salmon-Challis NF
- Payette NF
- Sawtooth NF

## **West Central Mountains Zone Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provided maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

### **Counties**

- County Emergency Coordinator (Elmore, Boise, Valley)

### **State Agencies**

- Idaho Office of Emergency Services
- Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Idaho Department of Transportation

## Idaho Department of Lands- Coeur d'Alene Fire Bureau

### **Other Federal Agencies**

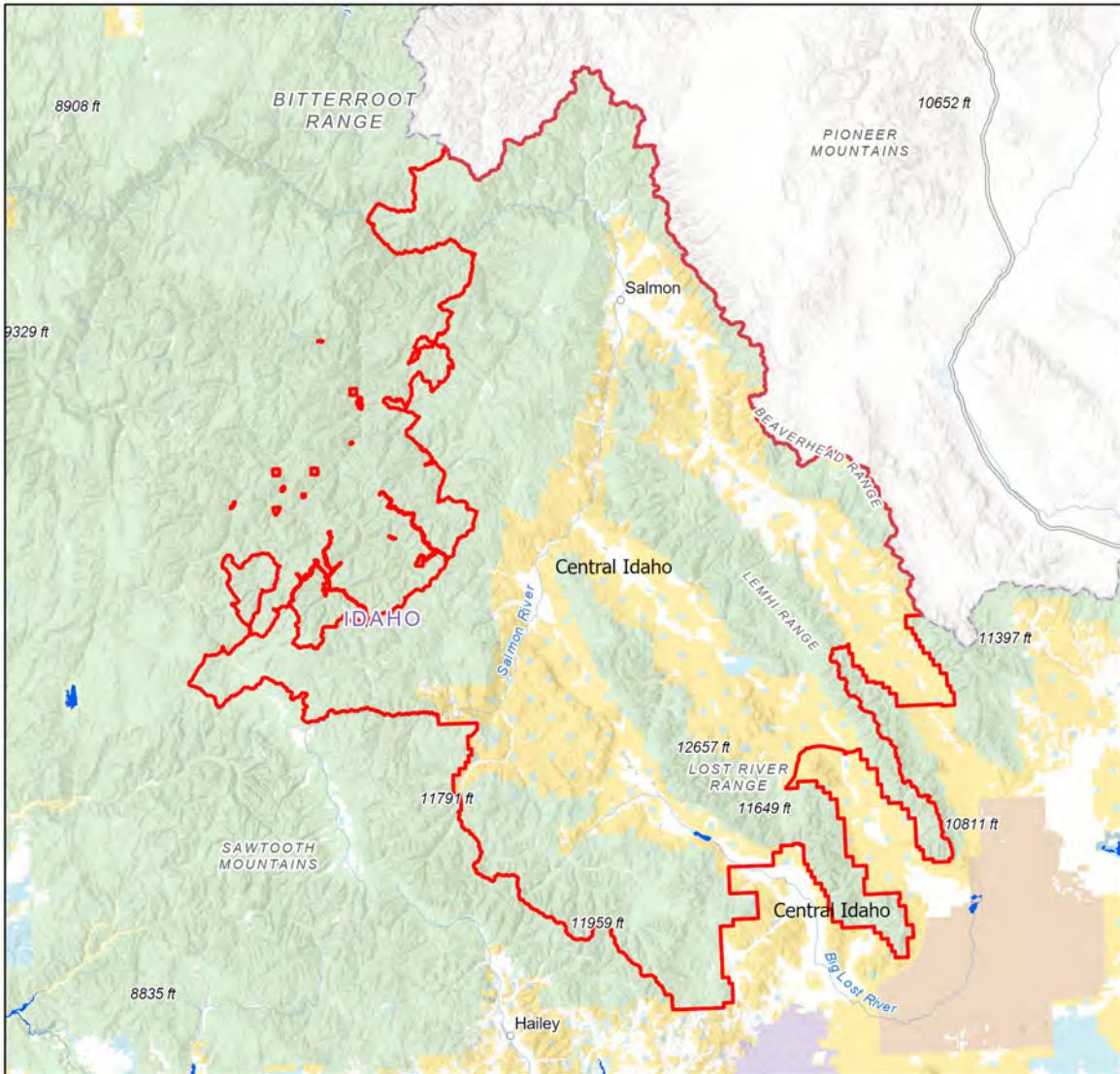
Bureau of Reclamation

### **Media Plan**

The Boise National Forest Public Affairs Officer will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Boise District BLM, and the Boise National Forest. The alternate Lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions to reduce the number of human- caused starts.

# CENTRAL IDAHO

## Central Idaho Fire Restriction Areas

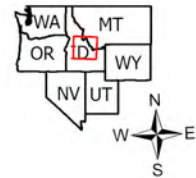
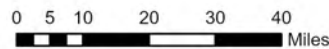


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## CENTRAL IDAHO FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA

### **Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator**

The Central Idaho Interagency Fire Center Manager will serve as the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in the Central Idaho Restrictions Area.

### **Media Plan**

The Media Plan for the Central Idaho Area will be the responsibility of the Salmon-Challis National Forest Public Affairs Officer. Objectives of the plan will be to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, to reduce the number of human- caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

#### Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer

- Work with Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and prevention personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media (radio, television, print, etc.)
- Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction areas, current fire behavior conditions and projections, and exact requirements of the restrictions.

### **Fire Restrictions Evaluation Guidelines**

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Central Idaho Restriction Area.

[ ] 11,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12 percent or less.

- [ ] Three-day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 95th percentile or above.
- [ ] Live fuel Moisture Content is 75 percent or less.
- [ ] Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- [ ] Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment limits adequate initial attack capability.
- [ ] Area is receiving human-caused fire starts and the risk is predicted to increase from human activity (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.)
- [ ] Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7-10 days as depicted on the local “National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential” website <https://fsapps.nwccg.gov/psp/npsg/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather conditions would include a “Fuel Dryness” rating of Very Dry, or any predicted “High Risk Events” over the next 7 days.
- [ ] All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The “National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center” web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/> is another reference.

### **Stage I**

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

### **Stage II**

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction and moving into Stage I restriction.

### **Area Land Management Decision Group**

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Central Idaho Area by the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A simple majority of agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification

procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

Idaho Falls District BLM, Salmon and Challis Field Offices  
Salmon-Challis NF  
Idaho Department of Lands  
Custer County  
Lemhi County

### **Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc. prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

### **Fire Departments**

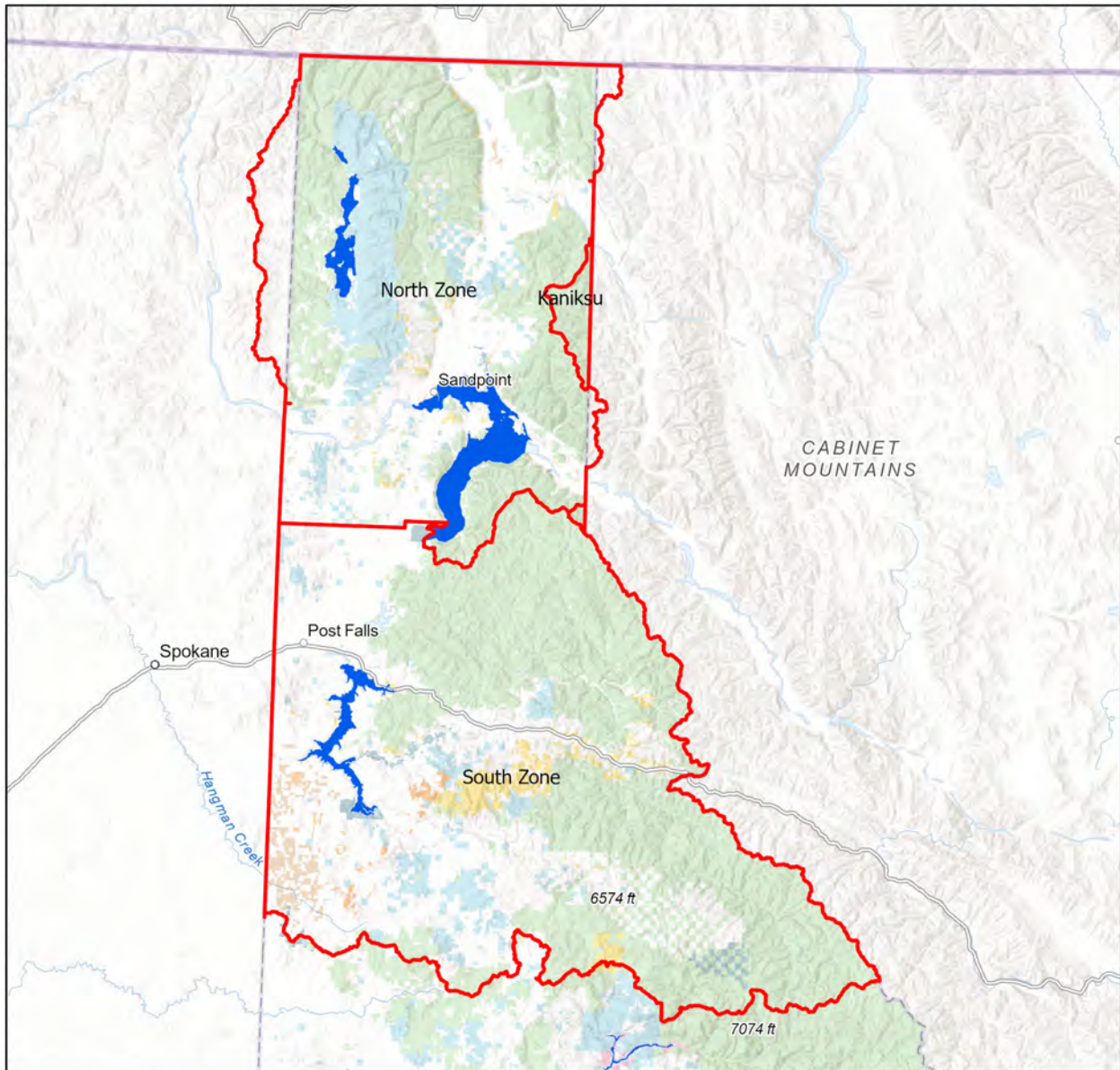
South Custer FD  
Leadore FD  
Mackay FD  
Gibbonsville FD  
North Custer County FD  
Elk Bend FD  
Salmon FD  
Lemhi County Rural FD

### **Law Enforcement Agencies**

Custer County SD  
Lemhi County SD

# COEUR D' ALENE

## Coeur d'Alene Fire Restriction Areas

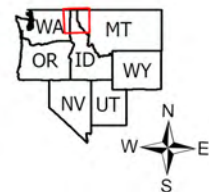
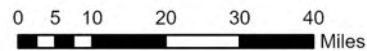


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## COEUR D'ALENE FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA

The Coeur d'Alene fire restrictions area corresponds with the Coeur d'Alene Dispatch Area. Within the Coeur d'Alene fire restrictions area options for managing restrictions also include:

### North Fire Restrictions Zone

Beginning at the Washington, Canadian and Idaho Border then east along Idaho-Canadian Border to the Administrative boundary between the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) and Kootenai National Forest (KNF), then south following the same boundary to Line Point, then south along the state line and then southwest along the IPNF-KNF administrative boundary to the state line, then south crossing the Clark Fork River to Elk Ridge, then west along IPNF and KNF, then follow divide between Pend Oreille Lake and the Coeur d'Alene River Drainage (Sandpoint Ranger District and Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Administrative Boundary) to Chilco Mountain Ridge, then north along Coeur d'Alene River-Sandpoint Ranger District administrative boundary to Bernard Peak, then west on ridge to Section 16 and North to Pend Oreille Lake, then west and north around Idlewilde Bay and Scenic Bay to Cape Horn, then west along Bonner and Kootenai County Line to the Idaho Washington State Line, then North across the Pend Oreille River, then north along Idaho Panhandle-Colville National Forest Administrative Boundary to the point of beginning

### South Fire Restrictions Zone

Beginning at the 332A and 332 Road junction, southeast along IPNF-KNF administrative Boundary to the Idaho- Montana State Line, then southeast along the state line to Thompson Pass continuing along state line to Lookout Pass, continuing along state line to Graves Peak, then west along IPNF-Clearwater National Forest Administrative Boundary to Floodwood State Forest-IPNF Administrative Boundary, then north to Road 220, then northwest along Road 220 to Road 457, continue on Road 457 to Road 457 and Road 301 junction, continue on Road 301 to Gold Center Creek and Road 759, then north on Road 759 to Road 321, then west on Road 321 to Road 226 then west on Road 226 to Road 1491, then south on Road 1491 to Road 321, then through Clarkia, across Highway 3 to Clarkia Peak, then to Cedar Butte, Betchel Butte and Sherwin Point, then following west along the Palouse Ranger District/St. Joe Ranger District Boundary to the west to West Dennis Point. From Dennis Point heading south west to Fairview Knob then south along ridgeline to the center of section 19, then from center of section 19 continue along ridgeline to southwest to section 23, then west five sections, north one section, west one section, north two sections, west one section, north four sections, west three sections, north two sections, west seven sections to Washington-Idaho State Line, then North to Kootenai-Bonner County Line, then east on county line to Cape Horn on Pend Orielle Lake, then west and south around Scenic Bay and Idlewilde Bay to Farragut State Park and Sandpoint Ranger District Administrative Boundary, then north and east along Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District boundary to Bernard Peak and Chilco Mountain Ridge, then east along same administrative boundary (Pend

Orielle Lake-Coeur d'Alene River Divide) to Weber Saddle, then north and east along same boundary to Summit Camp, then south and west to the beginning.

## Media Plan

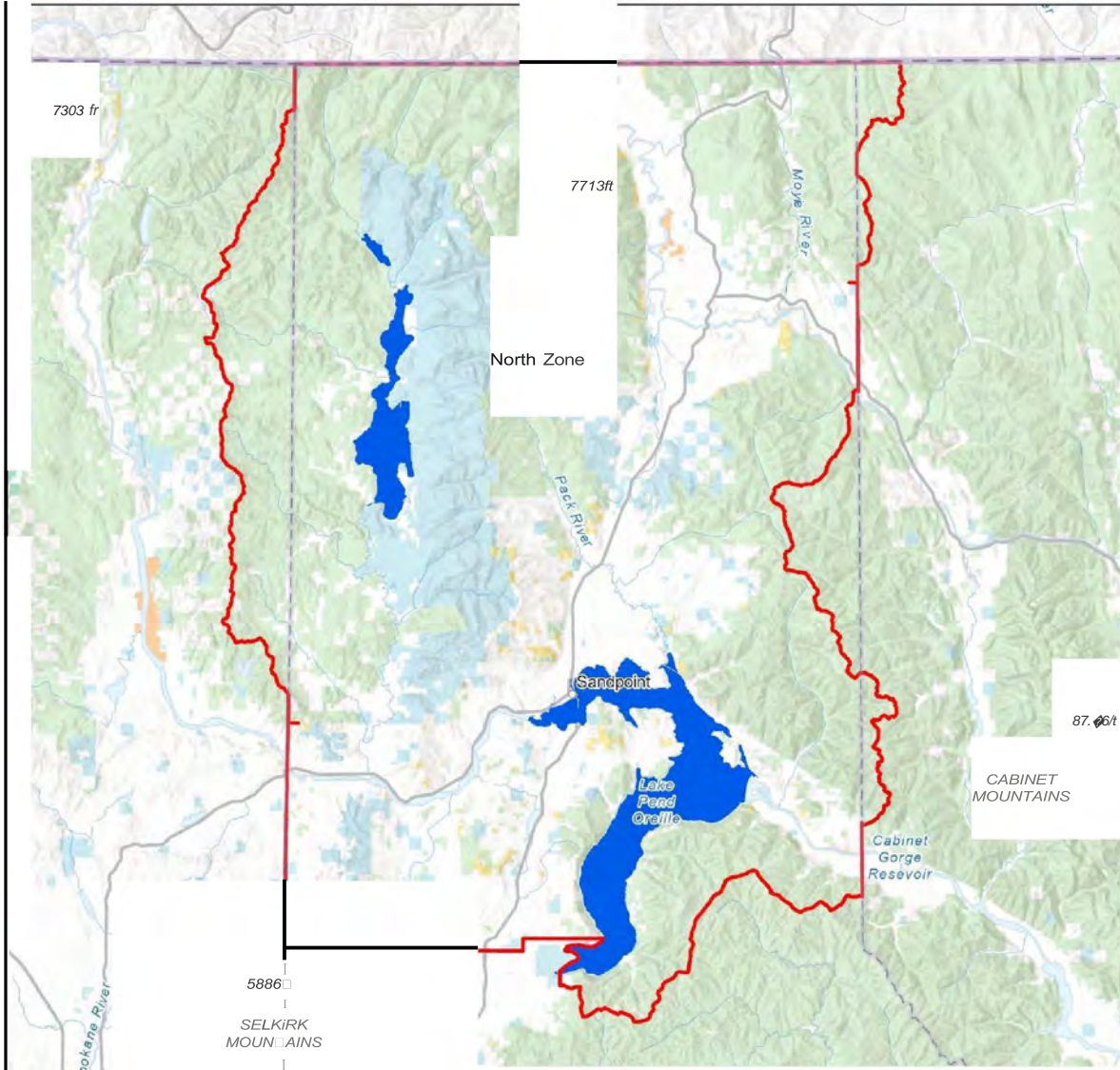
The Coeur d'Alene Fire Restrictions Coordinator will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Media Lead- Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. The Media Lead will work with the Idaho Department of Lands, and the BLM Coeur d'Alene District. The North Idaho Restrictions Coordinator will work closely with the Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

All zone media leads will:

- Work with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with prevention personnel for distribution and education of the public to ensure understanding and compliance with fire restrictions and closure orders.
- Assure that all the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media (radio, print, television, etc.).

# North Zone

## Coeur d'Alene Fire Restriction Area



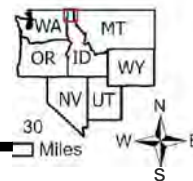
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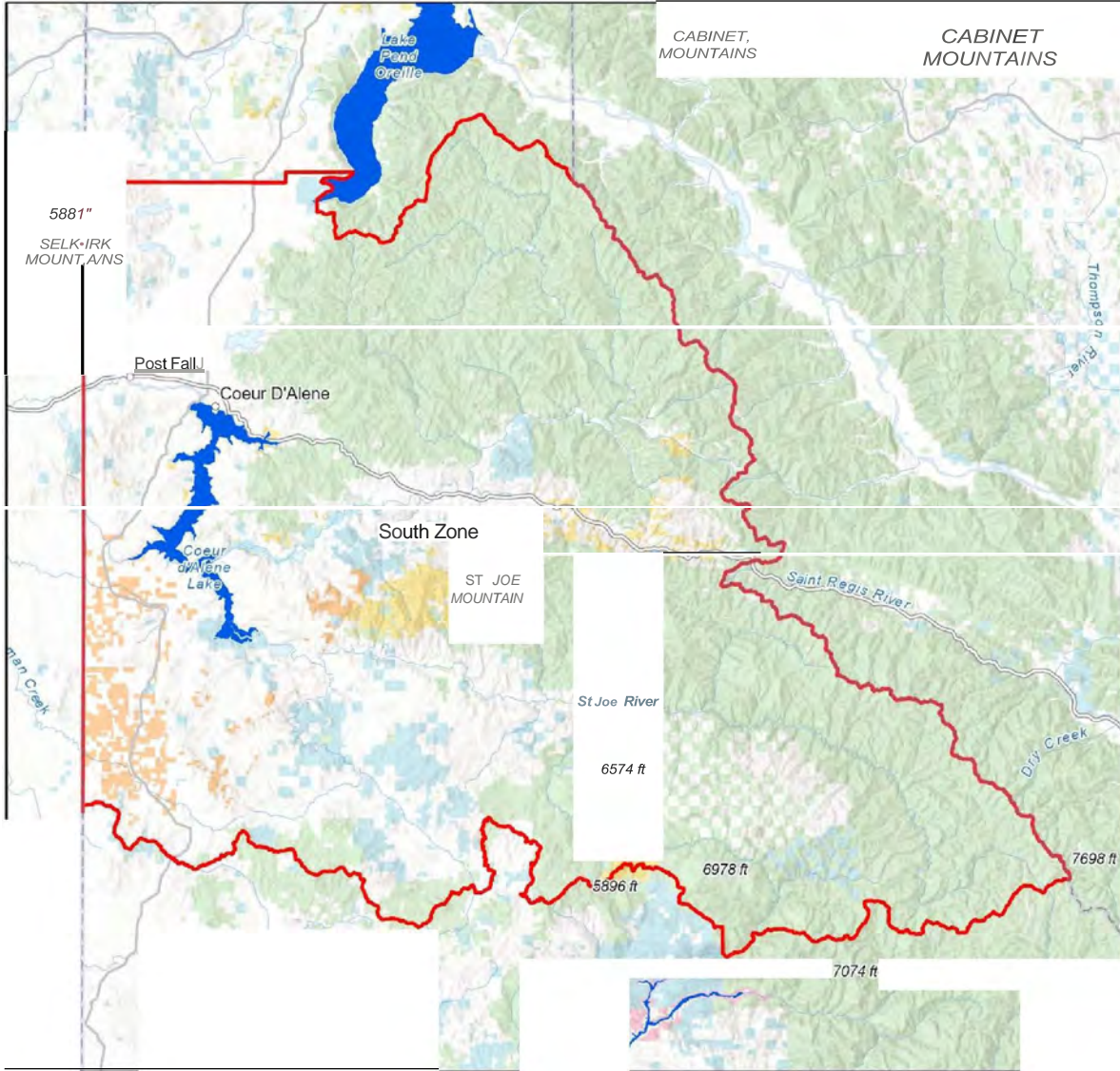
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# South Zone

## Coeur d'Alene Fire Restriction Area



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## Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions, these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7 – 10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Coeur d'Alene Fire Restrictions Area.

1000-hrs at or below the 10th percentile (or equivalent year-round percentile) and trending lower

Three-day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 95th percentile or above.

Live fuel moistures are significantly below the average line for that time of year and trending downward

Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.

Area is receiving high occurrence of human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase from human activity in the forest (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.).

Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7 – 10 days as depicted on the local “National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential” web site <https://fsapps.nwcg.gov/psp/npsg/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather conditions would include a “Fuel Dryness” rating of Very Dry, or any predicted “High Risk Events” over the next 7 days.

Local socio-political factors related to current and expected wildland fire conditions

All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The “National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center” web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/> is another reference.

## **Stage I**

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

## **Stage II**

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction and moving into Stage I restriction.

## **Area Land Management Decision Group**

The following Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

Idaho Panhandle National Forests  
Coeur d'Alene District - BLM  
Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Kootenai Valley Area - IDL  
Priest Lake Area - IDL  
Pend Oreille Lake Area - IDL  
Mica Area - IDL  
Cataldo Area - IDL  
West St. Joe Area – IDL

## **Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provide maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. **Fire Department contacts will be initiated by the Fire Managers on IDL Areas.**

## **Fire Departments**

Bonnars Ferry FD  
Clark Fork Valley FD  
Coeur d'Alene FD  
Coolin-Cavanaugh Day FD  
Curly Creek VFD  
East Side FD  
Emida FPD  
Fernwood Rural FP  
Hall Mountain VFA  
Hauser Lake FD  
Hope-East Hope FD  
Kootenai County Fire & Rescue  
Mica-Kidd Island FPD  
Moyie Springs FD (City of)  
Mullan Volunteer FD  
North Bench FD  
N of the Narrows VFD  
Northern Lakes FD

Northside FPD  
Paradise Valley FD  
Plummer-Gateway FPD  
Prichard/Murray VFD  
Priest River VFD  
Sam Owen FD  
Selkirk Fire, Rescue and EMS  
Schweitzer FPD  
Shoshone County FD #1, #2, & #3  
South Boundary FPD  
Spirit Lake FPD  
St. Maries FPD  
Tensed Rural FD  
Timberlake FPD  
W. Pend Oreille FD  
W. Priest Lake FD  
Westside FD  
Worley FPD

### **Law Enforcement Agencies**

Boundary County SO  
Bonner County SO  
Benewah County SO  
Kootenai County SO  
Shoshone County SO  
Pend Oreille County SO

### **State Agencies**

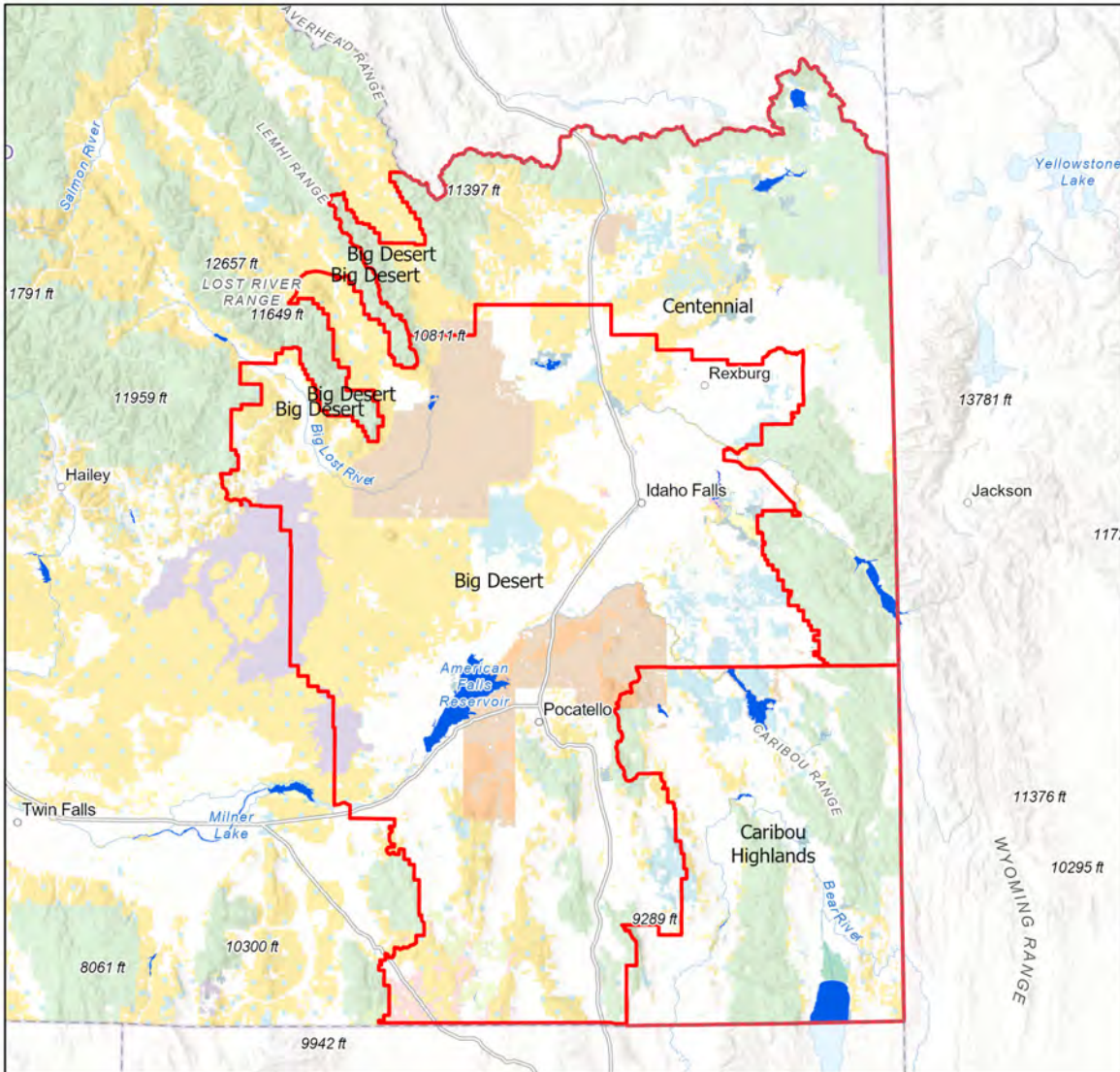
Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation.  
Idaho Department of Transportation  
Idaho Office of Emergency Services  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game  
Idaho Department of Lands- Coeur d'Alene Fire Bureau

### **Other Federal Agencies**

US Fish & Wildlife Service  
US Bureau of Reclamation  
US Army Corps of Engineers

# EASTERN IDAHO

## Eastern Idaho Fire Restriction Areas



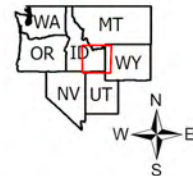
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## EASTERN IDAHO FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA

The Eastern Idaho fire restrictions area corresponds with the Eastern Idaho Dispatch Area. Within the Eastern Idaho fire restrictions area options for managing restrictions also include:

### Big Desert Zone

All of Bannock, Butte, Bingham, Jefferson and Madison Counties, and portions of Power and Oneida Counties, and portions of Bonneville County west of Ririe Reservoir and all lands not administered by Caribou/Targhee National Forest, and portions of Madison County not administered by the Caribou/Targhee National Forest. Excludes those lands in Power and Oneida Counties that are administered by the Sawtooth National Forest. Excludes those lands in Butte County administered by Salmon/Challis National Forest and excludes those portions of the Upper Snake River Field Office administered by Central Idaho Dispatch.

### Caribou Highlands Zone

All of Bear Lake, Caribou, and Franklin Counties.

### Centennial Zone

All of Clark, Fremont, and Teton Counties and portions of Bonneville County east of Ririe Reservoir and lands administered by Caribou/Targhee National Forest, and portions of Madison County administered by Caribou/Targhee National Forest.

## Media Plan

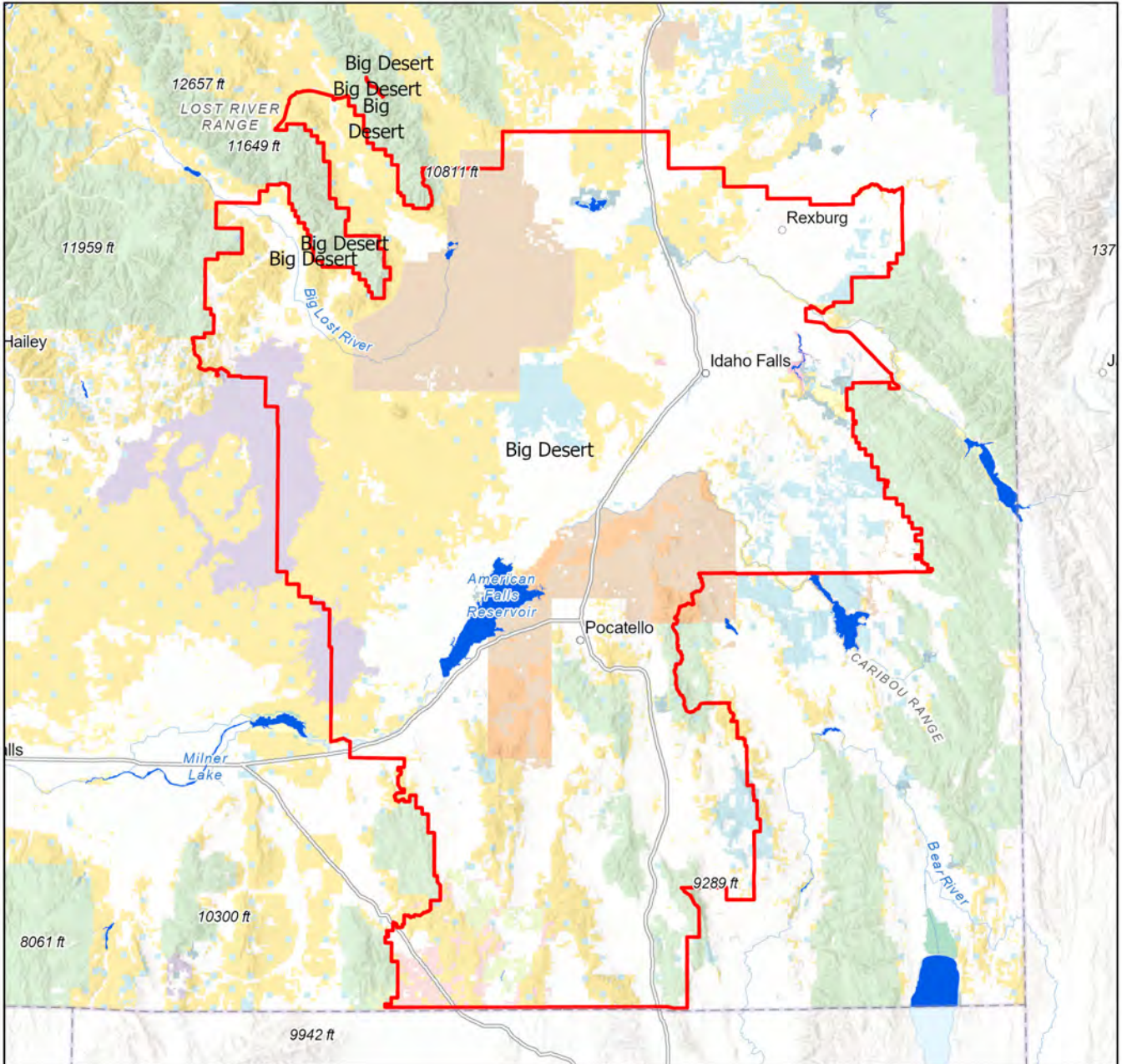
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All zone media leads will:

- Work with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with prevention personnel for distribution and education of the public to ensure understanding and compliance with fire restrictions and closure orders.
- Assure that all the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media (radio, print, television, etc.).

# Big Desert

## Eastern Idaho Fire Restriction Area

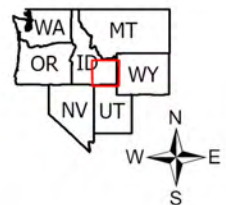
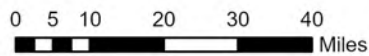


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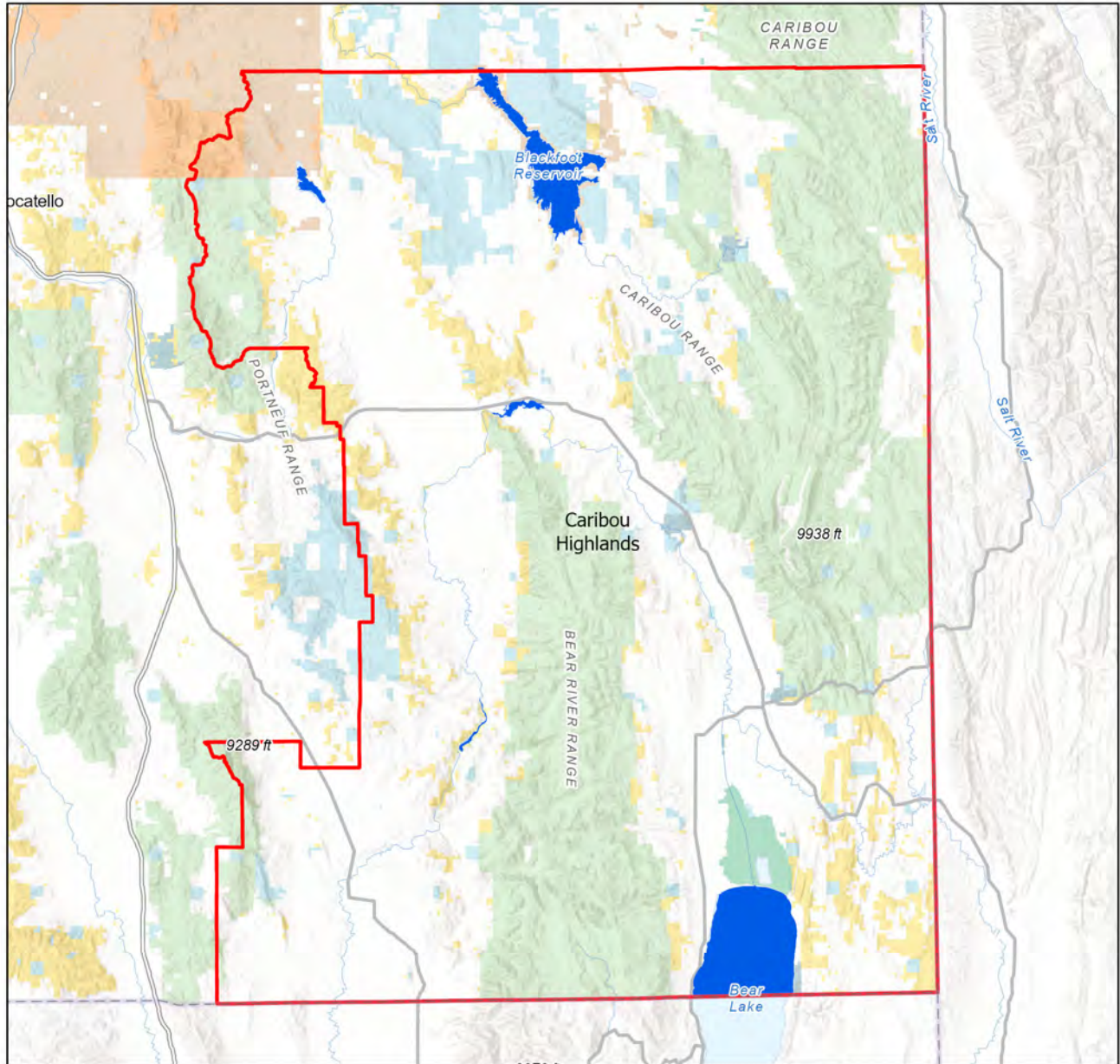
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# Caribou Highlands

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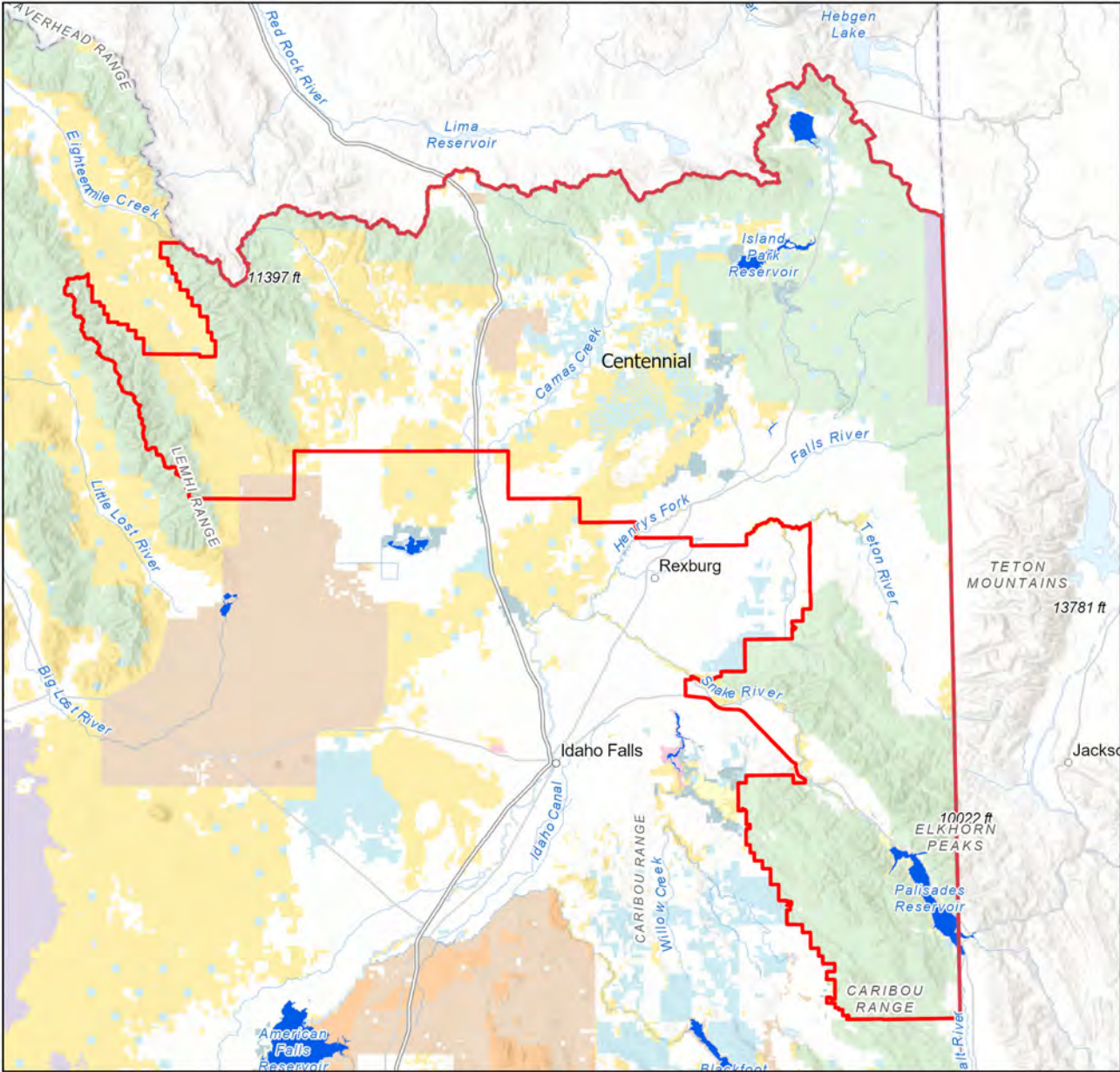
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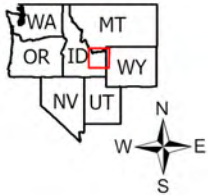
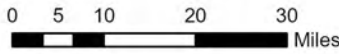
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## **Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator**

The Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center Manager will serve as the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator representing the public land agencies with jurisdiction in the Eastern Idaho Restrictions Area.

## **Fire Restrictions Evaluation Guidelines**

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Eastern Idaho Restrictions Area- all zones.

1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 10 percent or less.

Three-day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.

Live fuel Moisture Content is 75 percent or less.

Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.

Fires are impacting available suppression forces making adequate initial attack difficult.

Area is receiving human-caused fire starts and the risk is predicted to increase from human activity (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.)

Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7-10 days as depicted on the local "National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential" website <https://fsapps.nwcg.gov/psp/npsg/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather conditions would include a "Fuel Dryness" rating of Very Dry, or any predicted "High Risk Events" over the next 7 days.

All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The "National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center" web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/> is another reference.

## **Stage I**

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

## **Stage II**

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### **Area Land Management Decision Group**

The following Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above by the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A simple majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

#### **Big Desert Zone**

- Caribou/Targhee National Forest
- Idaho Falls District - BLM
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Fort Hall Agency– BIA
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation

#### **Caribou Zone**

- Caribou/Targhee National Forest
- Idaho Falls District - BLM
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Fort Hall Agency– BIA
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation

#### **Centennial Zone**

- Caribou-Targhee National Forest
- Idaho Falls District - BLM
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Bureau of Reclamation

## **Key Contact List- Big Desert Zone**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them allow the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

### **Fire Departments**

Central Fire District	Pocatello City FD
West Jefferson FD	Inkom FD
Hamer FD	McCammon FD
Roberts FD	Lava Hot Springs FD
Ft. Hall FD	Pocatello Valley FD
Blackfoot FD	Downey FD
Shelley-Firth FD	Ucon FD
Rexburg-Madison FD	INL FD
INL FD	Bonneville County District FD
Arco FD	Idaho Falls FD
Lost River FD	Arimo FD
American Falls FD	Atomic City FD
Rockland FD	Ammon FD
Oneida County FD	Aberdeen FD
Chubbuck FD	

### **Law Enforcement Agencies**

- Idaho State Police
- Bannock County S.D
- Butte County SD
- Bingham County SD
- Madison County SD
- Jefferson County SD
- Power County S.D
- Oneida County SD

### **State Agencies**

- Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation
- Idaho Department of Transportation
- Idaho Office of Emergency Services
- Idaho Department of Fish & Game

### **Other Federal Agencies**

Sawtooth National Forest  
Salmon-Challis National Forest  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Twin Falls District BLM  
Bureau of Reclamation

### **Media Plan- Big Desert Zone**

The Media Plan for the area will be the responsibility of the Idaho Falls District BLM Public Information Officer. Their alternate will be the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Media Plan will be to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human- caused fire starts and the potential threats to lives and property.

### **Key Contact List- Caribou Zone**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them allow the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

### **Fire Departments**

Caribou County FD  
Bancroft FD  
Grace  
Soda Springs FD  
Ft. Hall FD  
Bear Lake County FD  
Montpelier FD  
Franklin County FD

### **Law Enforcement Agencies**

Idaho State Police  
Franklin County SD  
Bear Lake County SD  
Caribou County SD

### **State Agencies**

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation  
Idaho Department of Transportation  
Idaho Office of Emergency Services  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game

## **Other Federal Agencies**

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation

## **Media Plan- Caribou Zone**

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## **Key Contact List- Centennial Zone**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them allow the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

## **Fire Departments**

Swan Valley FD  
Alpine FD  
Dubois City FD  
Island Park FD  
North Fremont FD  
South Fremont FD  
Teton County FD  
Rexburg-Madison FD

## **Law Enforcement Agencies**

Bonneville County SD  
Teton County SD  
Clark County SD  
Fremont County SD

## **State Agencies**

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation  
Idaho Department of Transportation  
Idaho Office of Emergency Services  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game

## **Other Federal Agencies**

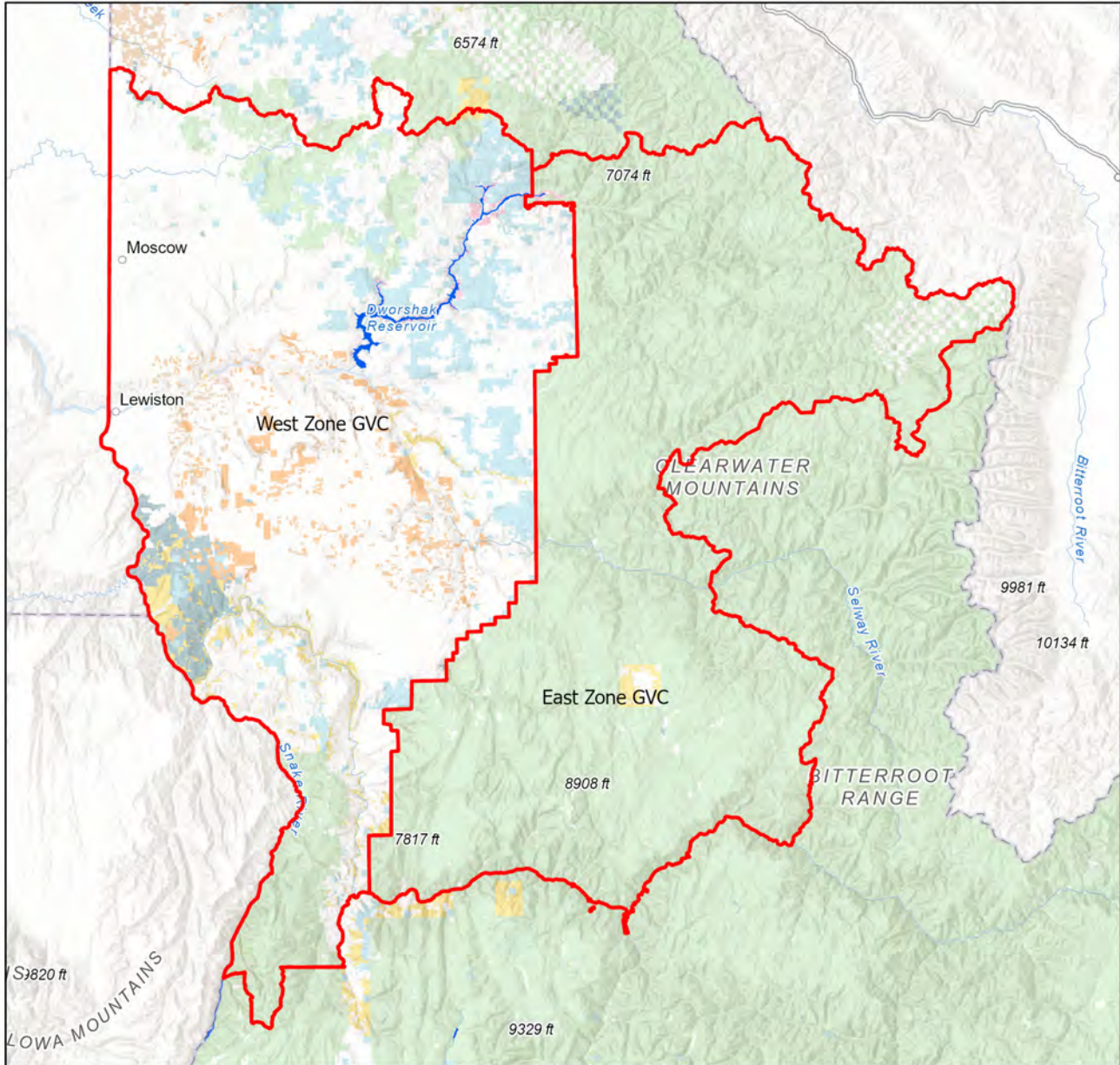
Bureau of Reclamation  
Bridger-Teton NF  
All Districts in Caribou-Targhee NF  
Beaverhead NF  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Rock Springs District BLM  
Yellowstone NP  
Grand Teton NP  
Gallatin NF

## **Media Plan**

The Media Plan for the Centennial Area will be the responsibility of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Public Information Officer. Their alternate will be the Idaho Falls District - BLM. Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Media Plan will be to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

# GRANGEVILLE

## Grangeville Fire Restriction Areas

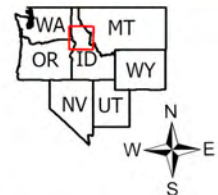
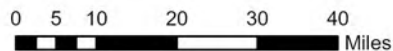


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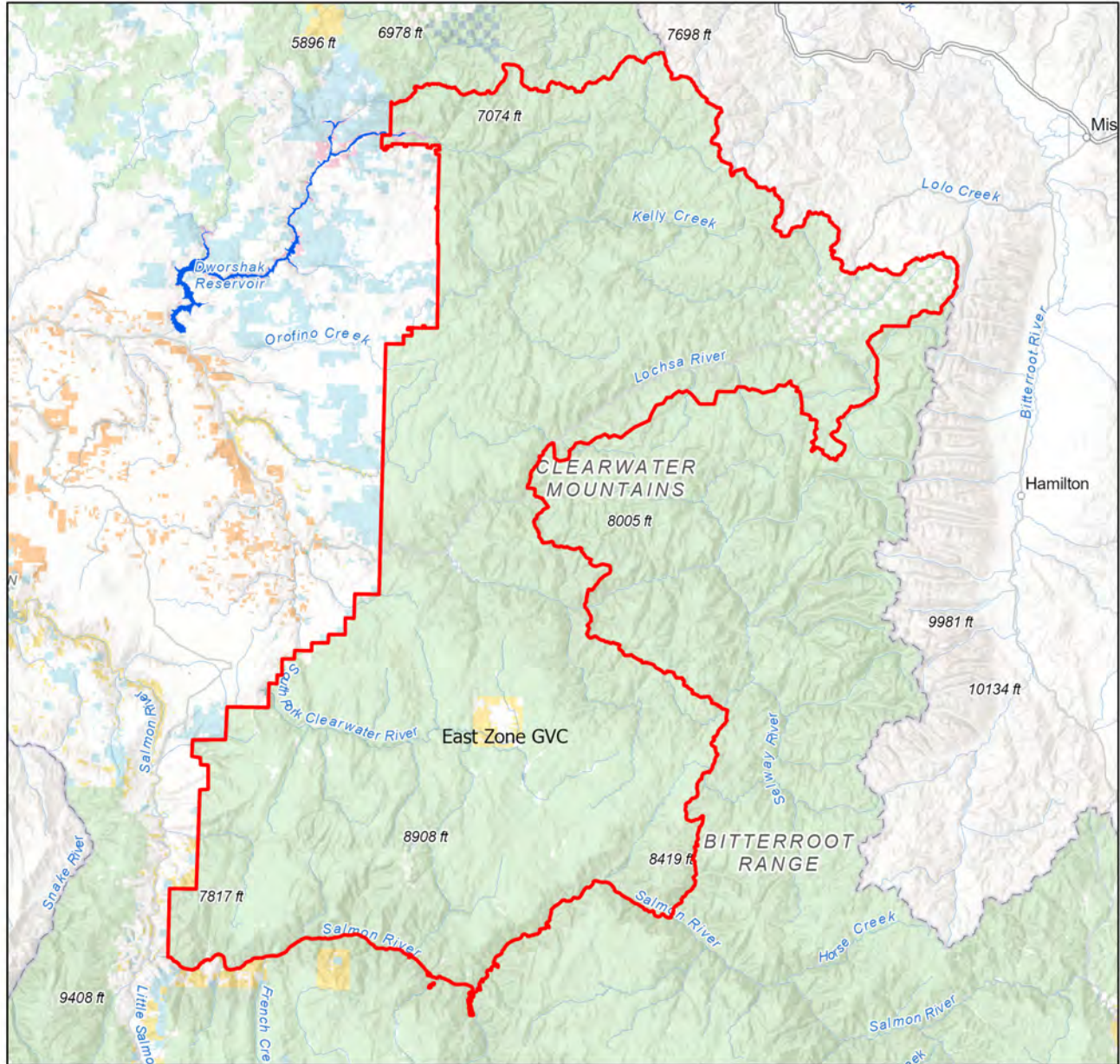
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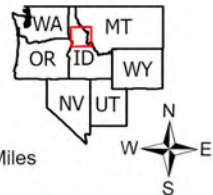
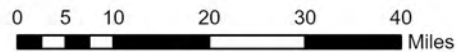


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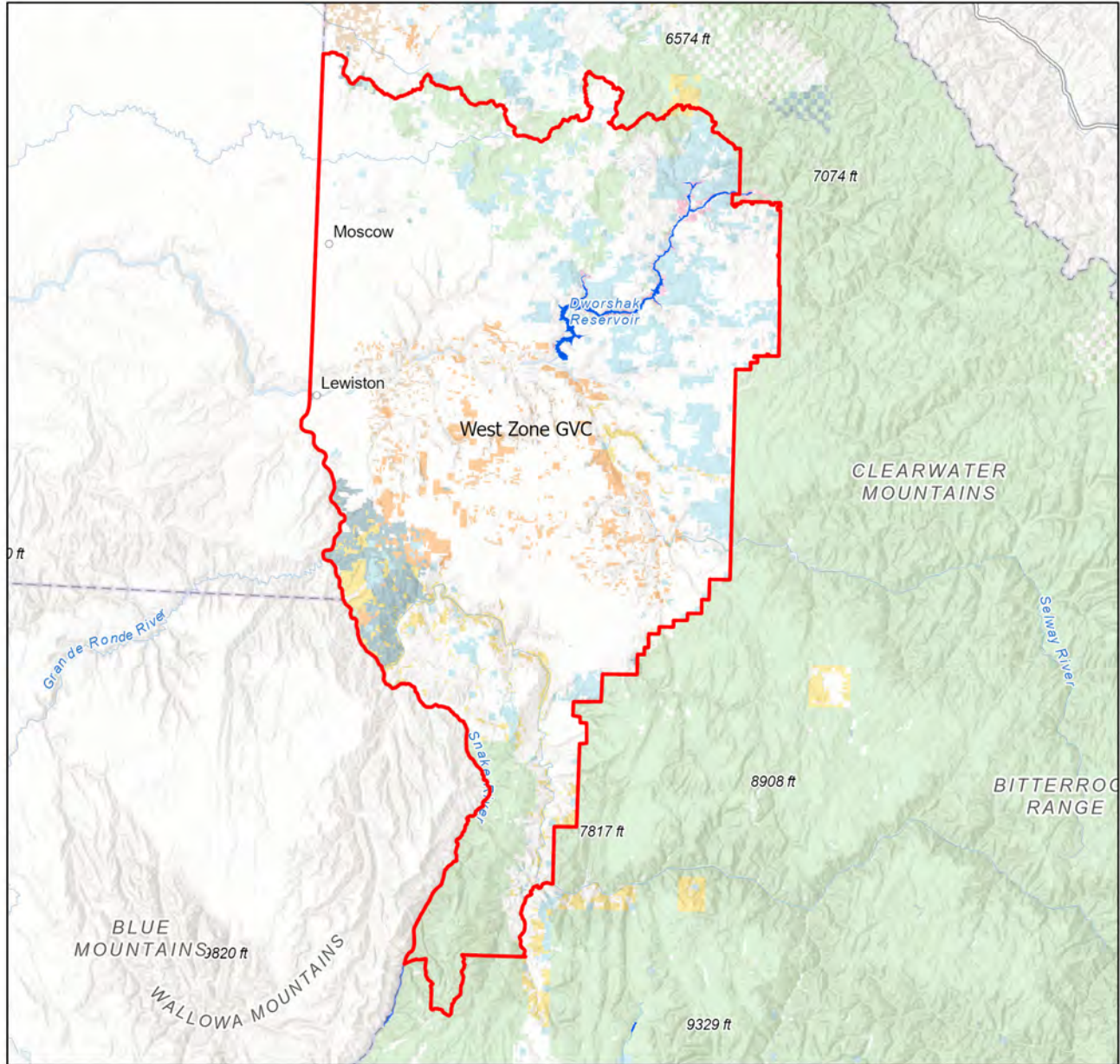
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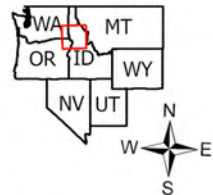
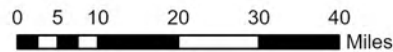


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## GRANGEVILLE FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA

The Grangeville fire restrictions area predominantly corresponds with the Grangeville Dispatch Area boundary and is divided into two separate zones: West and East.

### West Zone:

The western boundary (starting at Hells Canyon Dam) predominately follows the Snake River North to its confluence with the Clearwater River at Lewiston ID. The boundary then continues north along the Idaho/Washington border until turning west at the Palouse Divide and Palouse Ranger District boundary approximately 2.5 miles North of Farmington Washington.

The northern boundary predominately follows the Palouse Ranger District northern border and Palouse Divide from the Washington/Idaho state line to its junction with the Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protection Association protection boundary near State Highway 3. It then follows the Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protection Association's northern boundary to the East to Crescendo Peak where it then turns South and continues to the junction with the Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs at the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

The eastern boundary then predominately follows the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF's western edge to the south until its junction with the Salmon River 2 miles east of Riggins, ID.

The southern boundary then follows the main Salmon River West to its confluence with The Little Salmon River at Riggins. Then follows the Little Salmon River to the confluence with Lockwood Creek just North of Pinehurst, ID. From here the boundary follows the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF's to the west until its junction with Hell's Canyon Wilderness Area Boundary. Then follows this boundary back to its start at the Hell's Canyon Dam.

**NOTE:** Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Wilderness is administered by the Wallowa Whitman NF; however, any/all implemented fire restrictions will follow the Idaho State Plan under the West Zone of the Grangeville Fire Restrictions Area.

### East Zone:

The western boundary (starting 2 miles East of Riggins where the National Forest Boundary meets the Salmon River) predominately follows the NCF Forest boundary line to its corner where the National Forest boundary meets the North Fork of the Clearwater River approximately 2.5 miles south of Crescendo Peak.

The northern boundary then continues to follow NCF Forest boundary to the East until its junction with the Idaho/Montana state border.

The eastern boundary then follows the western edge of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness boundary to the South until its junction with the Magruder Corridor Road at Dry Saddle Campground. Then continues along the Magruder Corridor Road to the east to the head of Sabe Creek where it then follows the NCF Forest boundary to the South until the confluence of Sabe Creek and the Main Salmon River.

The southern boundary then follows the NCF Forest boundary along the Main Salmon River back to the starting point 2 miles East of Riggins ID.

## Media Plan

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### **Stage I**

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

### **Stage II**

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Cottonwood Field Office of the BLM

Nez Perce – Clearwater NF  
Craig Mountain Area - IDL  
Maggie Creek Area - IDL  
Clearwater Area – IDL  
Ponderosa Area- IDL  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association

### **Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provide maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. Fire Department contacts will be initiated by the IDL Fire Wardens and/or County Emergency Service Coordinators.

### **County Disaster/Emergency Services Coordinators**

Idaho County	Jerry Zumalt	208-983-3074
Clearwater County	Don Gardner	208-476-4064
Lewis County	Dan Musgrave	208-937-2380
Nezperce County	James Wooderchak	208-799-3084
Latah County	Steve Risken	208-883-2265
Shoshone County	Dan Martinsen	208-783-7010
Benewah County	Jim Rolleto	208-967-4232
Nez Perce Tribe	John Wheaton	208-843-3760

### **Fire Departments**

Big Canyon Rural FD	Potlatch RFD
Harpster VFD	Troy RFD
Ridge Runners FD	Kendrick City FD
BPC VRFD	Juliaetta City FD
Kamiah City/Rural FPD	Deary Rural Fire District
Riggins City/Rural FD	Bovill FD
Carrot Ridge VFD	Elk River FD
Moscow City FD	Keuterville Cowboy Wildland FF
Moscow Rural Fire District	Salmon River RFD
Genesee City FD	Cottonwood RFD
Genesee Rural FD	Kooskia FD

Stites FD  
Culdesac FD  
Lenore RFD  
Sunnyside RFD  
Elk City VFD  
Nez Perce County FD  
Twin Ridge RFD  
Evergreen RFD  
Nez Perce Rural FPD  
Upper Fords Creek RFD

Glenwood-Caribel VFD  
North Idaho Correction Institution  
Weippe RFD  
Grangeville RFD  
Orofino FD  
White Bird City/Rural FD  
Grangemont RFD  
Pierce VFD  
Winchester Rural VFD

### **Law Enforcement Agencies**

Lewis County SO  
Idaho County SO  
Nez Perce County SO  
Clearwater County SO  
Latah County SO  
Nez Perce-Clearwater NF LEO Patrol Captain  
Nez Perce Tribal Law Enforcement

### **State Agencies**

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation  
Idaho Department of Transportation  
Idaho Office of Emergency Services  
Idaho Department of Lands- Fire Bureau  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game

### **Other Federal Agencies**

Coeur d' Alene BLM  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Neighboring National Forests:

- Wallowa Whitman NF
- Idaho Panhandle NF
- Lolo NF
- Bitterroot NF
- Payette NF

- Salmon-Challis NF

## Media Plan

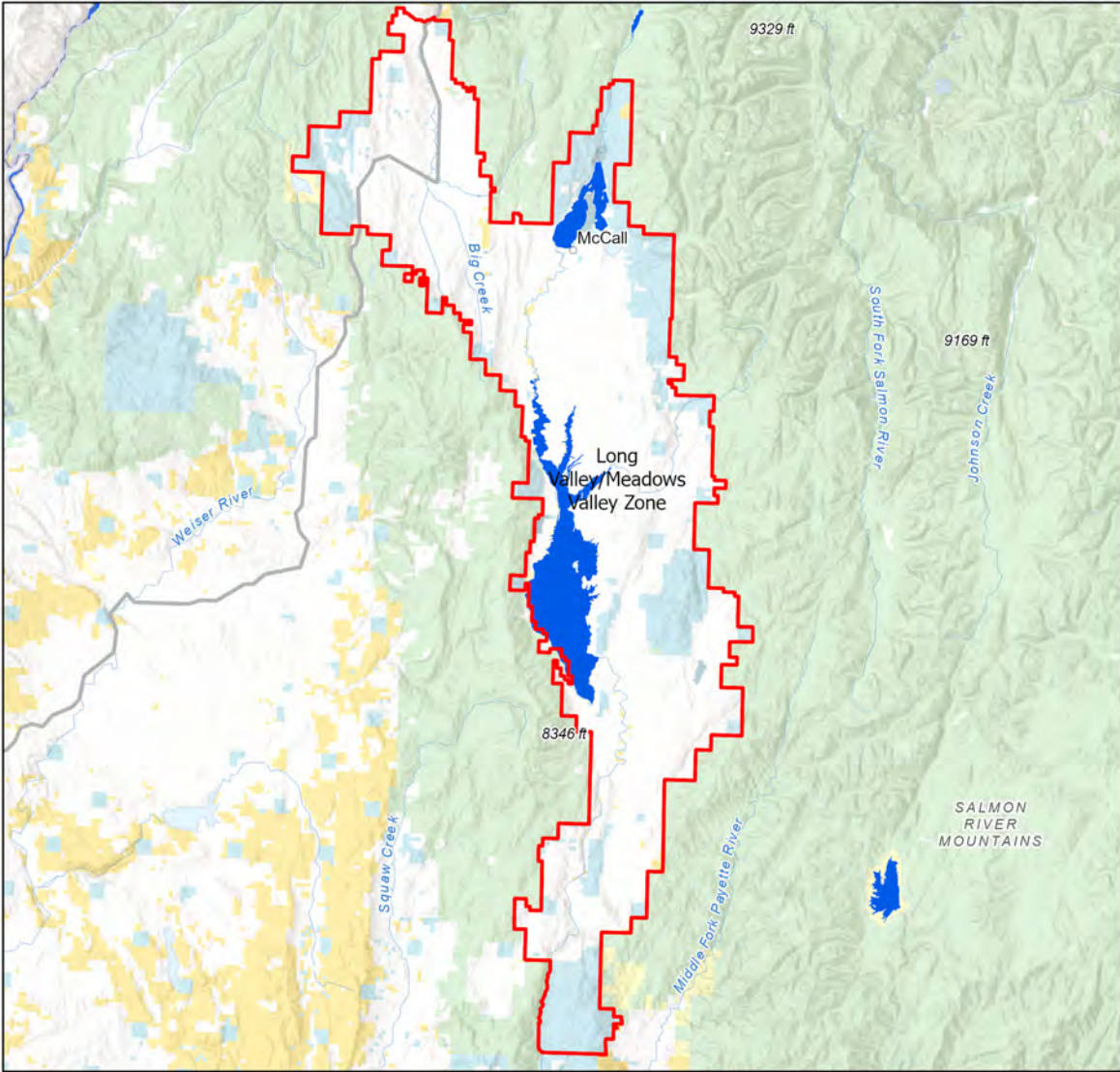
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# PAYETTE

## Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association

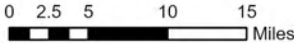


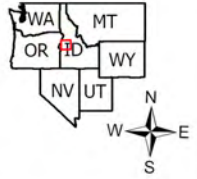
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## PAYETTE FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA

The Payette fire restrictions area corresponds with the Payette Dispatch Area. Within the Payette fire restrictions area options for managing restrictions also include:

### Snake/ Weiser River Fire Restrictions Zone

All state, private and BLM lands east of the Snake River, north and west of Highway 95 to the Little Weiser River, and north of the Little Weiser River to the Payette NF boundary. The boundary then follows the Payette NF boundary back to the Snake River.

### Payette NF West Fire Restrictions Zone

All Payette National Forest lands west of Highway 95, south of New Meadows, and west of Cascade Lake, including all BLM, state, and private lands within the Payette National Forest boundary.

### Long Valley/ Meadows Valley Fire Restrictions Zone

All BLM, state, and private lands located within the following boundary description which includes all lands within Meadows Valley and Long Valley, Idaho. The northern boundary begins at the junction of Forest Service Road 074 and Highway 95. It runs due east along the BLM/state land boundary to the Payette National Forest boundary. Here it turns south following the Payette NF boundary through Meadows Valley to Long Valley until its junction with the Boise NF. The zone restriction line continues following the Boise NF boundary south until reaching a point due east of Highway 55, mile marker 84.5. It then turns west traveling through state land until joining again with the Boise NF boundary on the west side of Highway 55. Here the restriction boundary line turns north once again following the Boise NF border. The line turns west along the Boise NF border at T10N R3E Section 33 through Section 32. The boundary line turns north at the southwest corner of Section 32 and travels north through private land until it reaches the northwest corner of section 32. At this point it once again follows the Boise NF border northward until reaching the Payette/Boise NF boundaries. The zone boundary line continues north following the Payette NF Forest boundary through Long Valley to Meadows Valley until arriving back at the point of origin at the junction of Forest Service Road 074 and Highway 95.

### Little Salmon River Fire Restrictions Zone

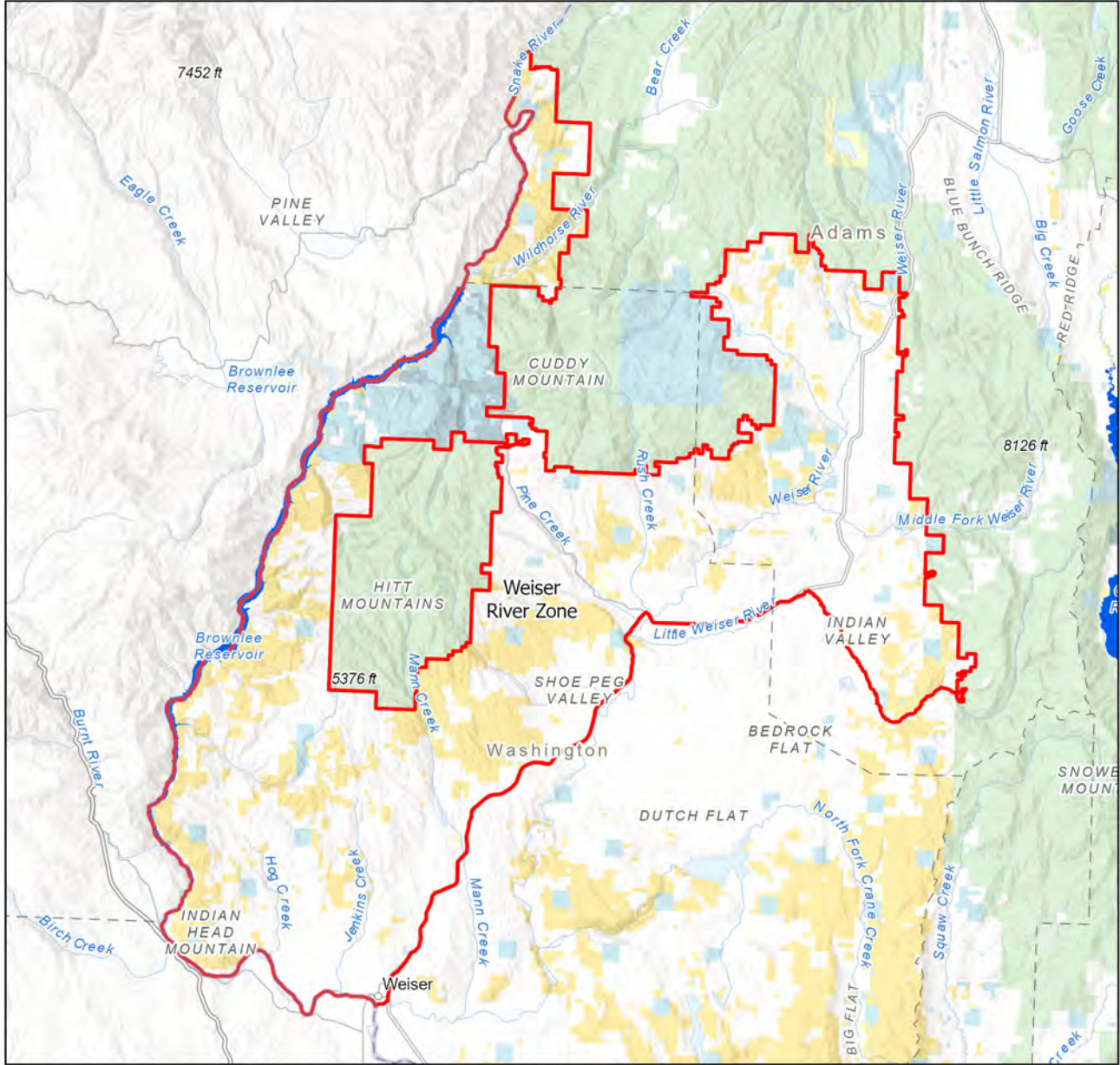
All state, private, and BLM lands contained within the following boundary description. The southern boundary begins at the junction of Forest Service Road 074 and Highway 95. It runs west to the Payette National Forest boundary. The boundary then runs north following the Payette National Forest line to north edge of T22N R1E Section 9 where it turns east to Highway 95. The boundary then follows Highway 95 north to its junction with the Main Salmon River and follows the river east to the Payette National Forest boundary. At this point the line turns south and follows the Payette National Forest line south until due east of Forest Service Road 074, where it turns west at the south edge of T5N, R1E, Section 25 to its junction with Highway 95.

### Payette NF East Fire Restrictions Zone

All Payette National Forest lands east of Highway 95, including all state and private lands within the Payette National Forest boundary, and excluding the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

# Weiser River Zone

## Payette Fire Restriction Area

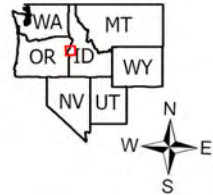


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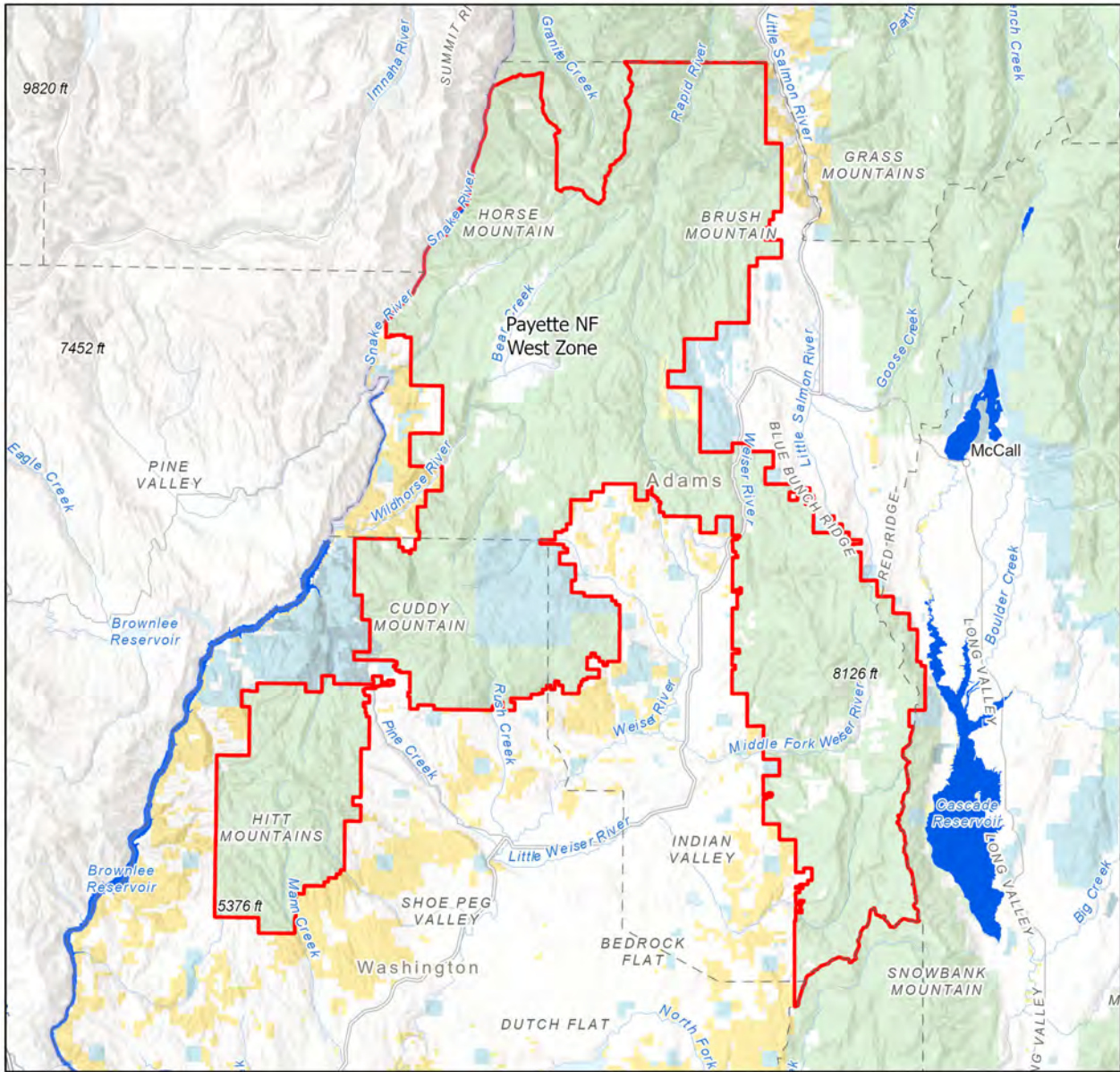
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# Payette NF West Zone

## Payette Fire Restriction Area

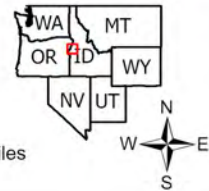
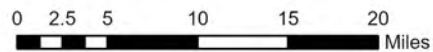


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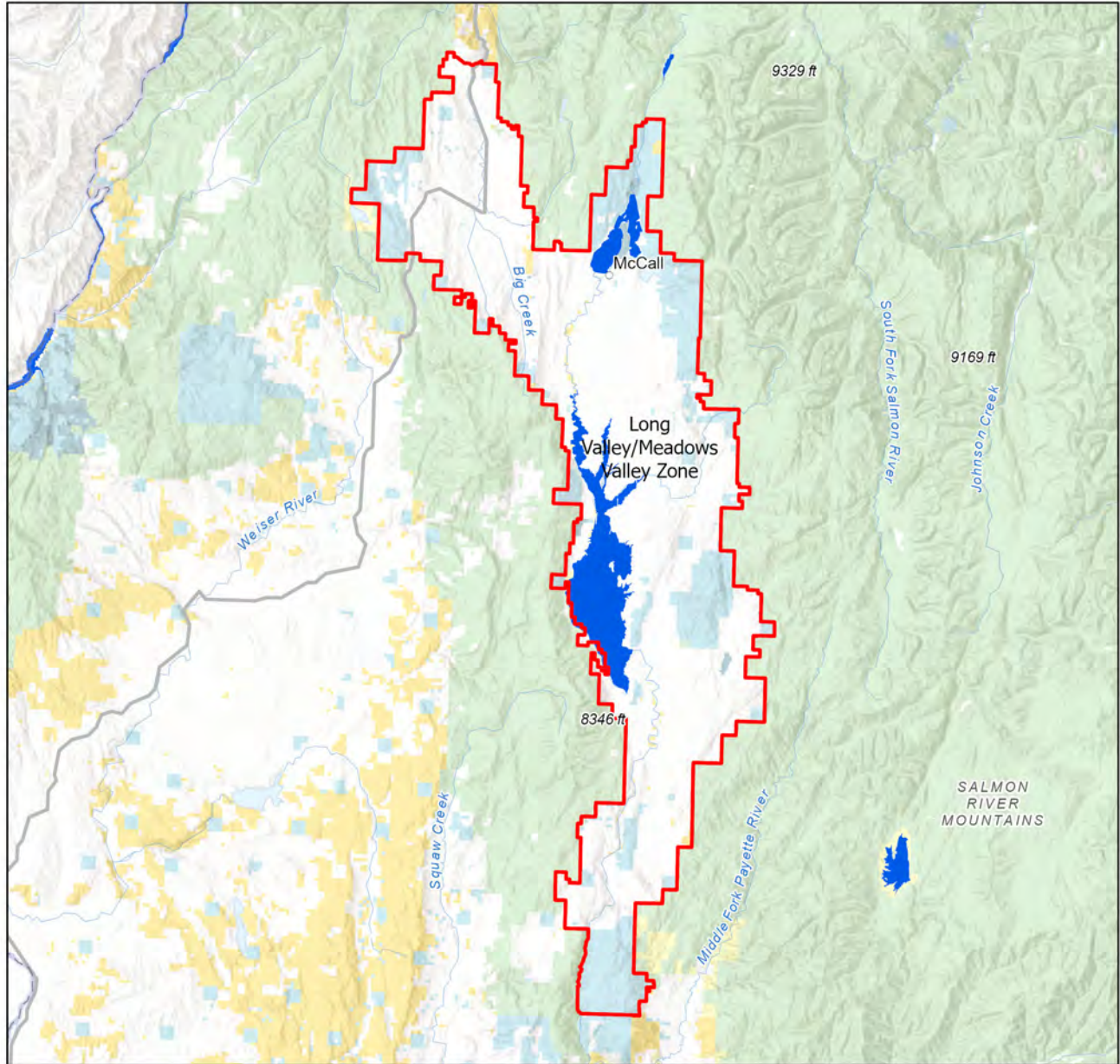
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# Long Valley / Meadow Valley Zone

## Payette Fire Restriction Area

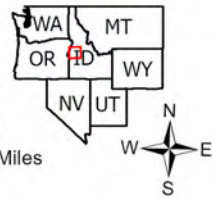
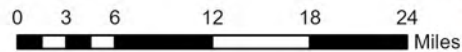


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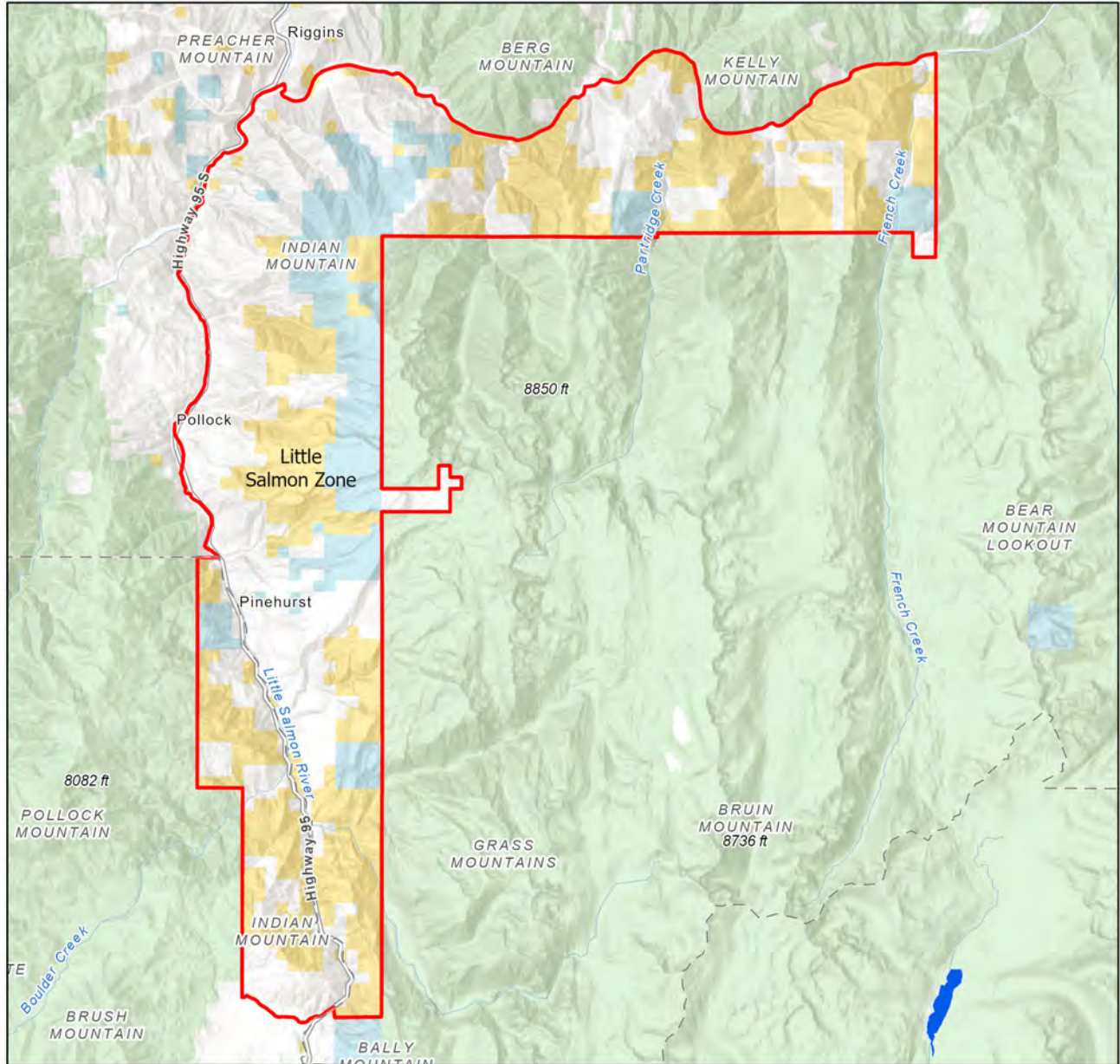
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# Little Salmon Zone

## Payette Fire Restriction Area

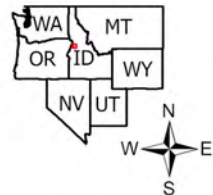


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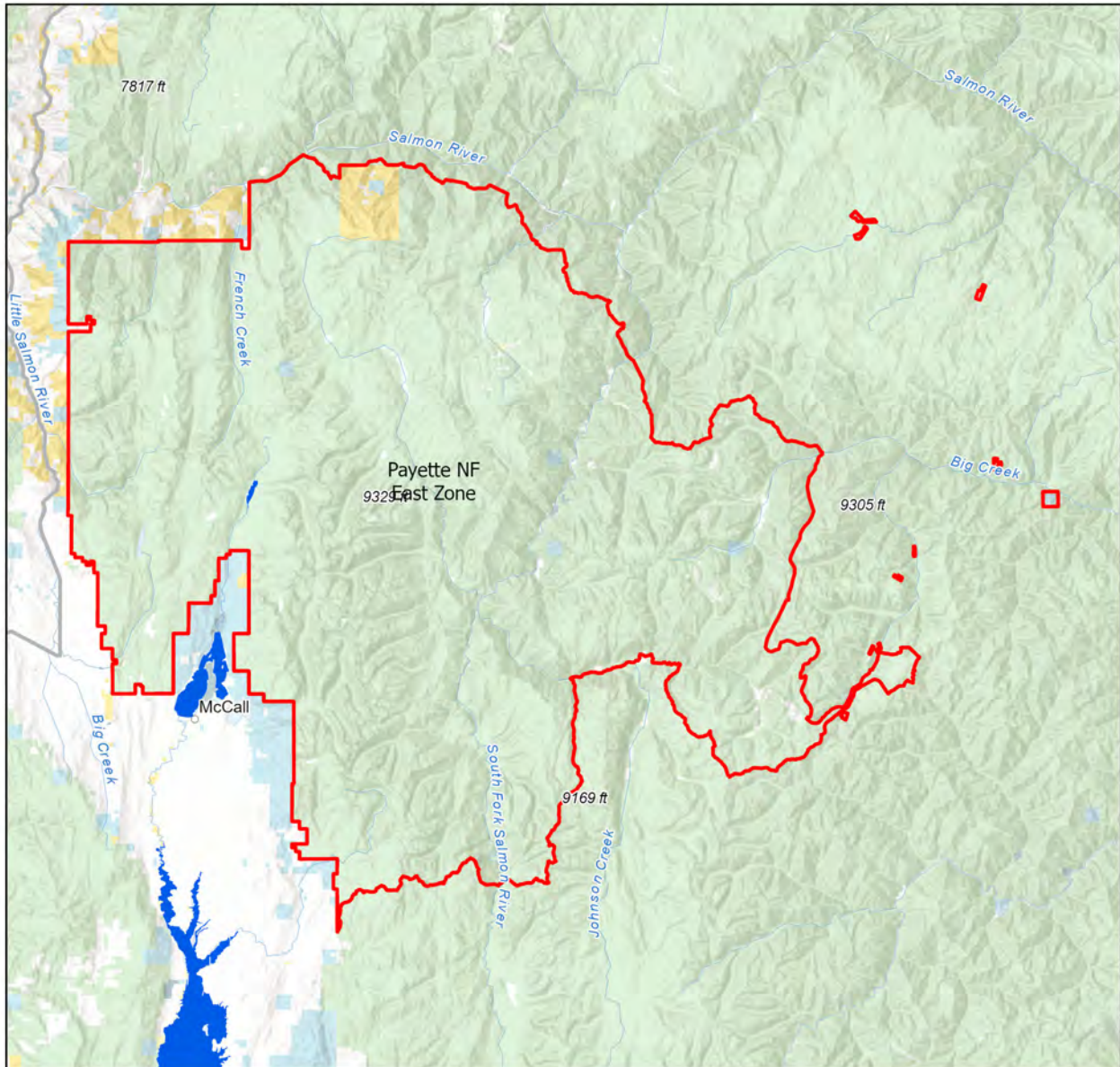
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# Payette NF East Zone

## Payette Fire Restriction Area

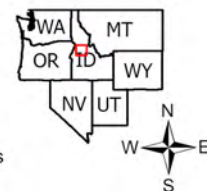
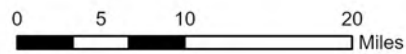


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## **Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator**

Payette Fire Restriction Area Coordinator: Jhen Williams, Payette NF Fire Planner, [jhennifer.williams@fs.fed.us](mailto:jhennifer.williams@fs.fed.us), (208) 634-0747

Payette Fire Restriction Area Alternate Coordinator: Vacant

## **Media Plan**

The Payette National Forest Public Affairs Officer (PAO) will take the lead for coordinating information releases with the Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Boise BLM District, and the Coeur d'Alene District BLM. The alternate Lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the decision group to provide a unified and consistent message. Each unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused starts.

Lead PAO: Kelly Martin, Payette NF, [Kelly.martin@usda.gov](mailto:Kelly.martin@usda.gov)

Idaho Department of Land PAO: Sharla Arledge, [sarledge@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:sarledge@idl.idaho.gov), (208) 334-0266  
Coeur d'Alene District BLM PAO: (Vacant) Please contact Dan Patten, [dpatten@blm.gov](mailto:dpatten@blm.gov)

## **Responsibilities of the Lead Public Affairs Officer**

- Work with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with prevention personnel for distribution and education of the public to ensure understanding and compliance with fire restrictions and closure orders.
- Assure that all the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media (radio, print, television, etc.)

## **Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines**

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perceptible and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Payette Fire Restriction Area:

- [ ] 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12 percent or less.
- [ ] Three-day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- [ ] Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- [ ] Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- [ ] Area is receiving human-caused fire starts and the risk is predicted to increase from human activity (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.)
- [ ] Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7-10 days as depicted on the local “National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential” website <https://fsapps.nwcg.gov/psp/npsg/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather conditions would include a “Fuel Dryness” rating of Very Dry, or any predicted “High Risk Events” over the next 7 days.
- [ ] All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The “National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center” web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/> is another reference.

### **Stage I**

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

### **Stage II**

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction and moving into Stage I restriction.

### **Area Land Management Decision Group**

The decision group for the Payette Fire Restriction area includes the following:

- Boise District - BLM
- Payette NF
- Coeur d’Alene District - BLM
- Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association
- Idaho Department of Lands

The above Land Management agencies will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks based on information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will complete the criteria evaluation form (see Appendix -12) and share it with decision group partners via

email prior to coming together to discuss restrictions. Jointly, agency partners will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

### **Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provided maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

### **Fire Departments**

- Salmon River Rural FD
- Council VFD
- Indian Valley VFD
- Donnelly Rural FPD
- McCall Rural FPD
- Secesh FD
- Yellow Pine FD
- Meadows Valley FPD
- Cascade FD

### **Law Enforcement Agencies**

- Adams County SD
- Idaho County SD
- Idaho State Police
- Valley County SD
- Washington County SD

### **State Agencies**

- Idaho Office of Emergency Services
- Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Idaho Department of Transportation
- Idaho Department of Lands- Fire Bureau

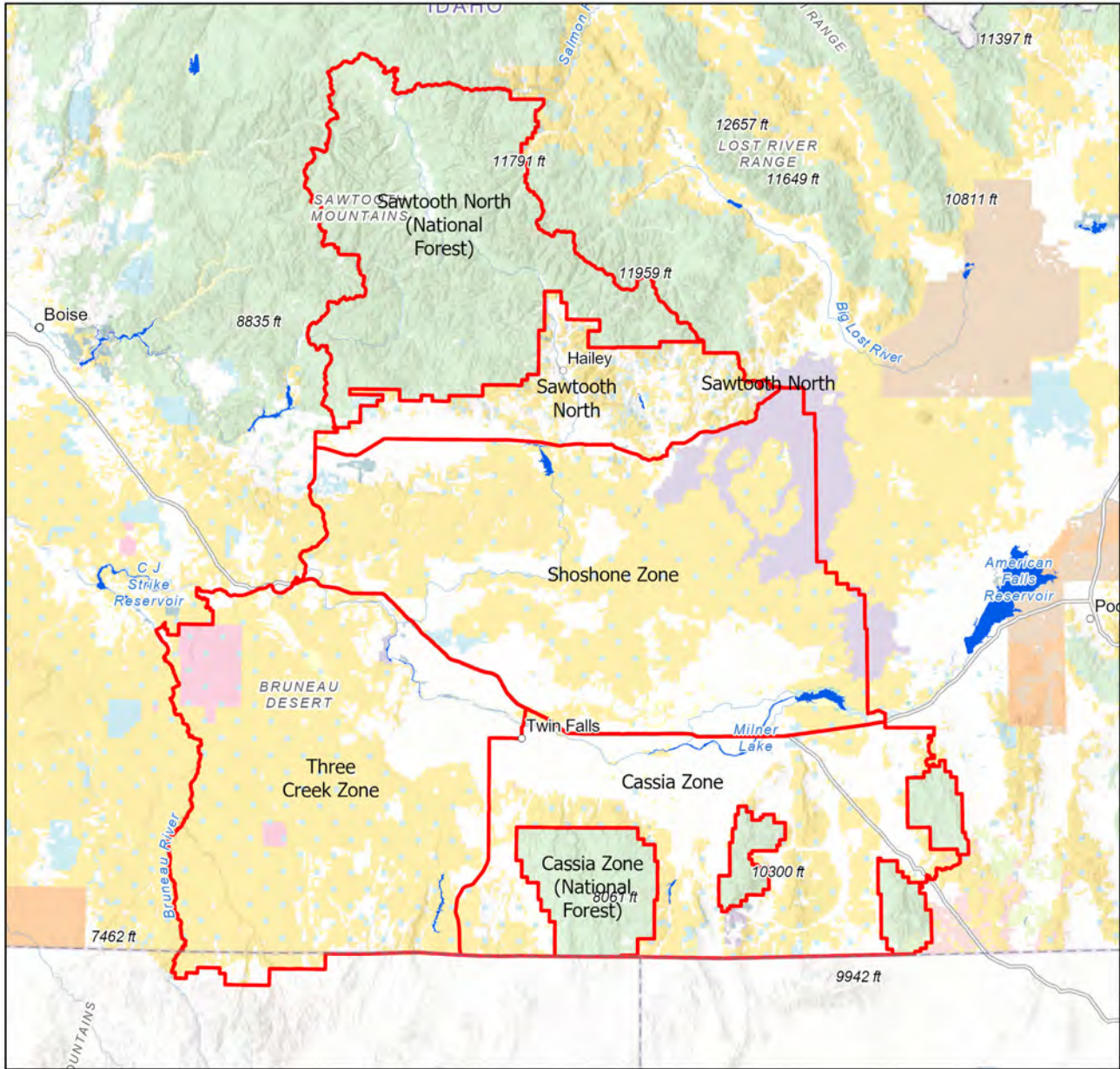
### **Other Federal Agencies**


- All PAF Districts
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

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Army Corps of Engineers  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Wallowa-Whitman NF  
Nez Perce NF

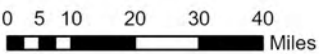
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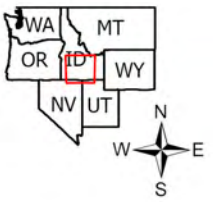
## South Idaho Dispatch Center Fire Restriction Areas



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## SOUTH IDAHO FIRE RESTRICTIONS AREA

South Idaho Fire Restrictions Area is further subdivided into four zones for the purposes of implementing fire restrictions, see map for these boundaries.

### Sawtooth North Fire Restrictions Zone

All Sawtooth National Forest, Twin Falls District BLM, and Idaho State Lands north of Highway 20 to the northern most Sawtooth National Forest boundary. From Hill City east to the Craters of the Moon National Park Visitors Center.

### Three Creek Fire Restrictions Zone

All Twin Falls District BLM and Idaho State lands south of I-84 south to Idaho/Nevada border. West of Highway 93 to the Bruneau Canyon.

### Shoshone Fire Restrictions Zone

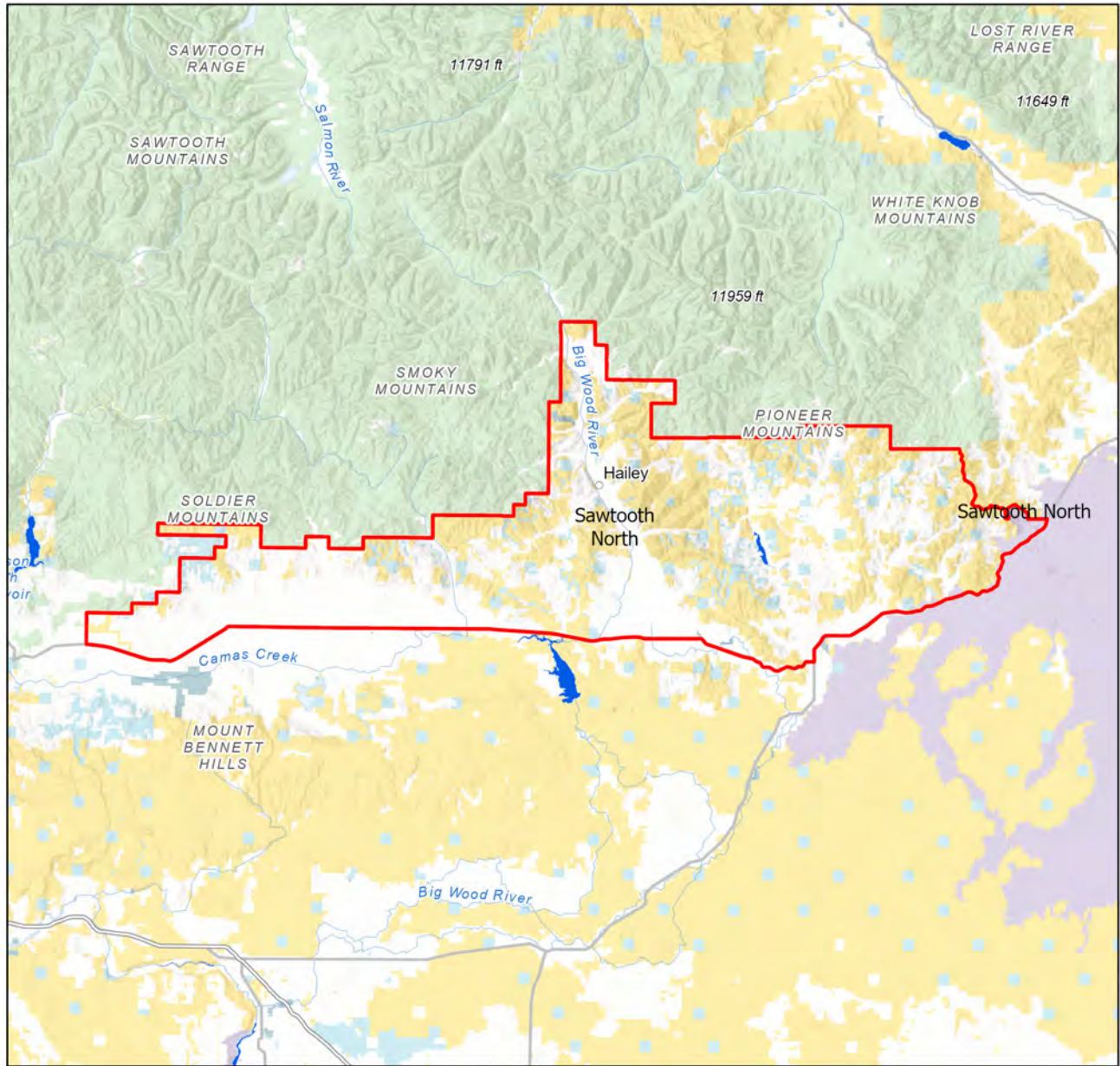
All Twin Falls District BLM and Idaho State lands north of I-84 to Highway 20. From King Hill east to Massacre Rocks State Park.

### Cassia Fire Restrictions Zone

All Twin Falls District BLM, Idaho State lands and Sawtooth National Forest lands from I-84/I-86 south of Idaho/Utah/Nevada border. East of Highway 93 to the Cassia County/Onieda County line.

# Sawtooth North

## South Idaho Fire Restriction Area

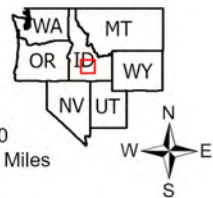
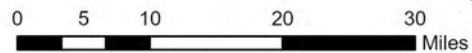


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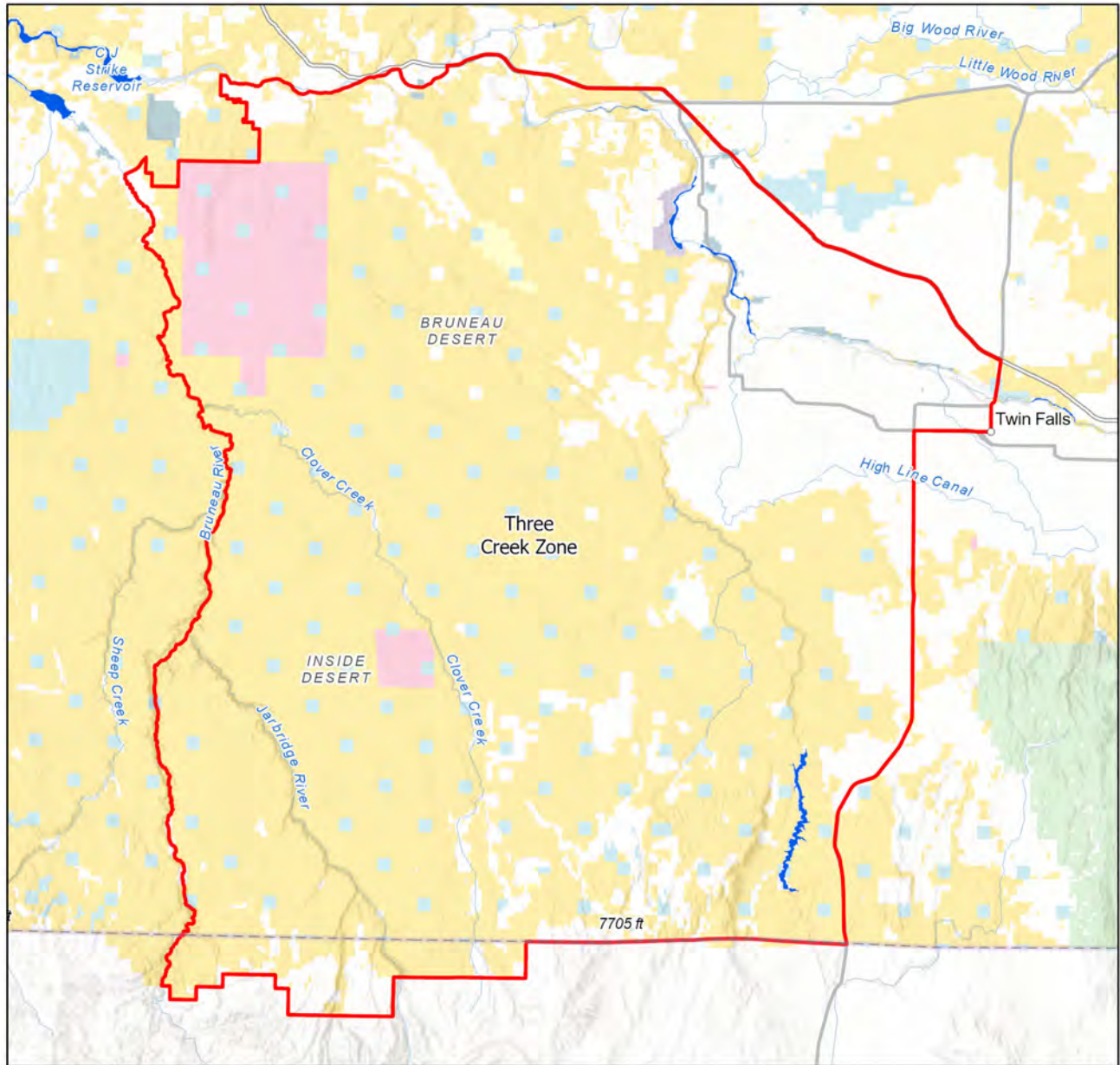
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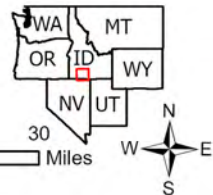


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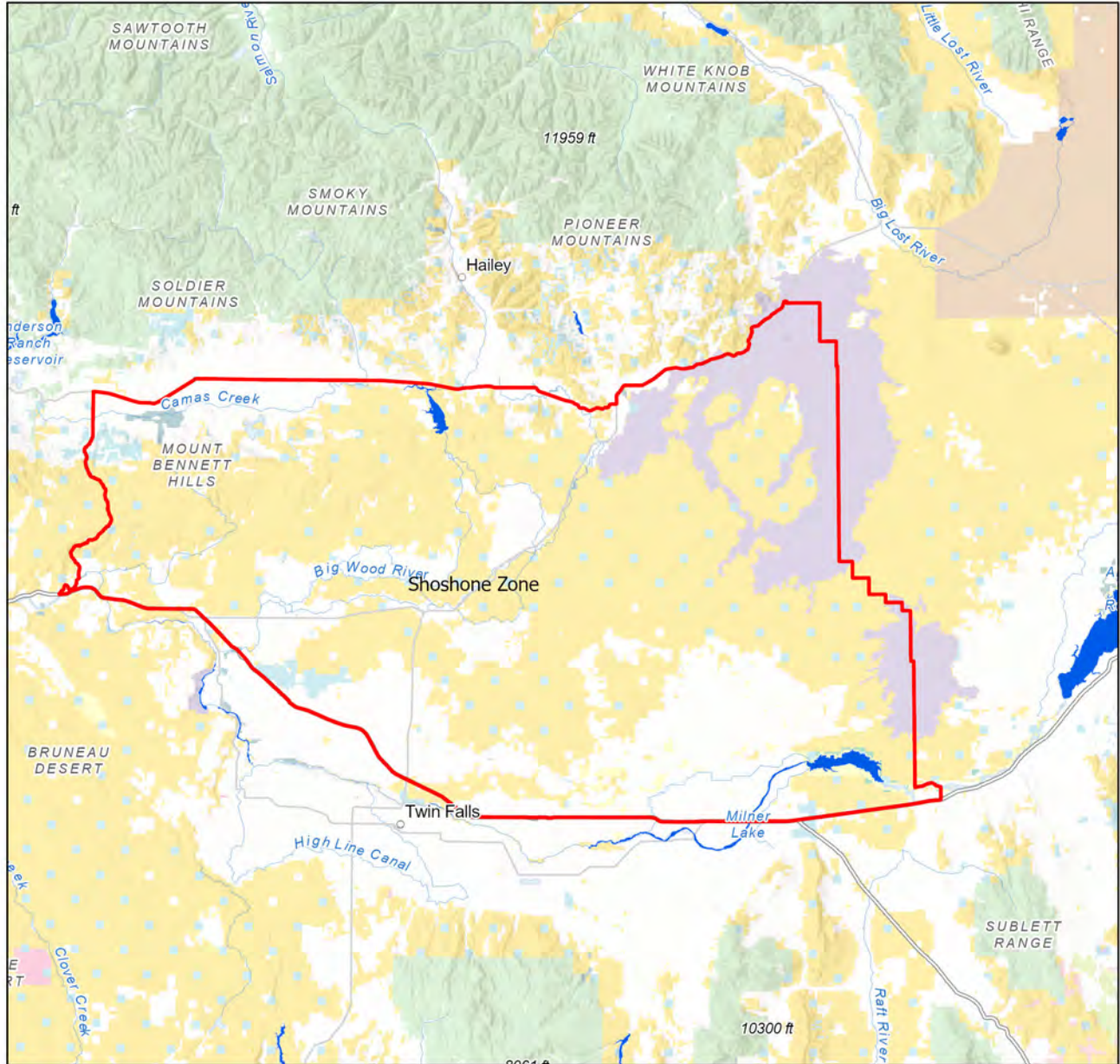
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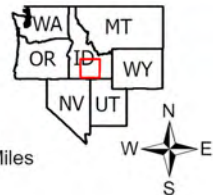
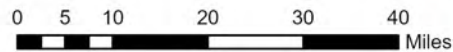


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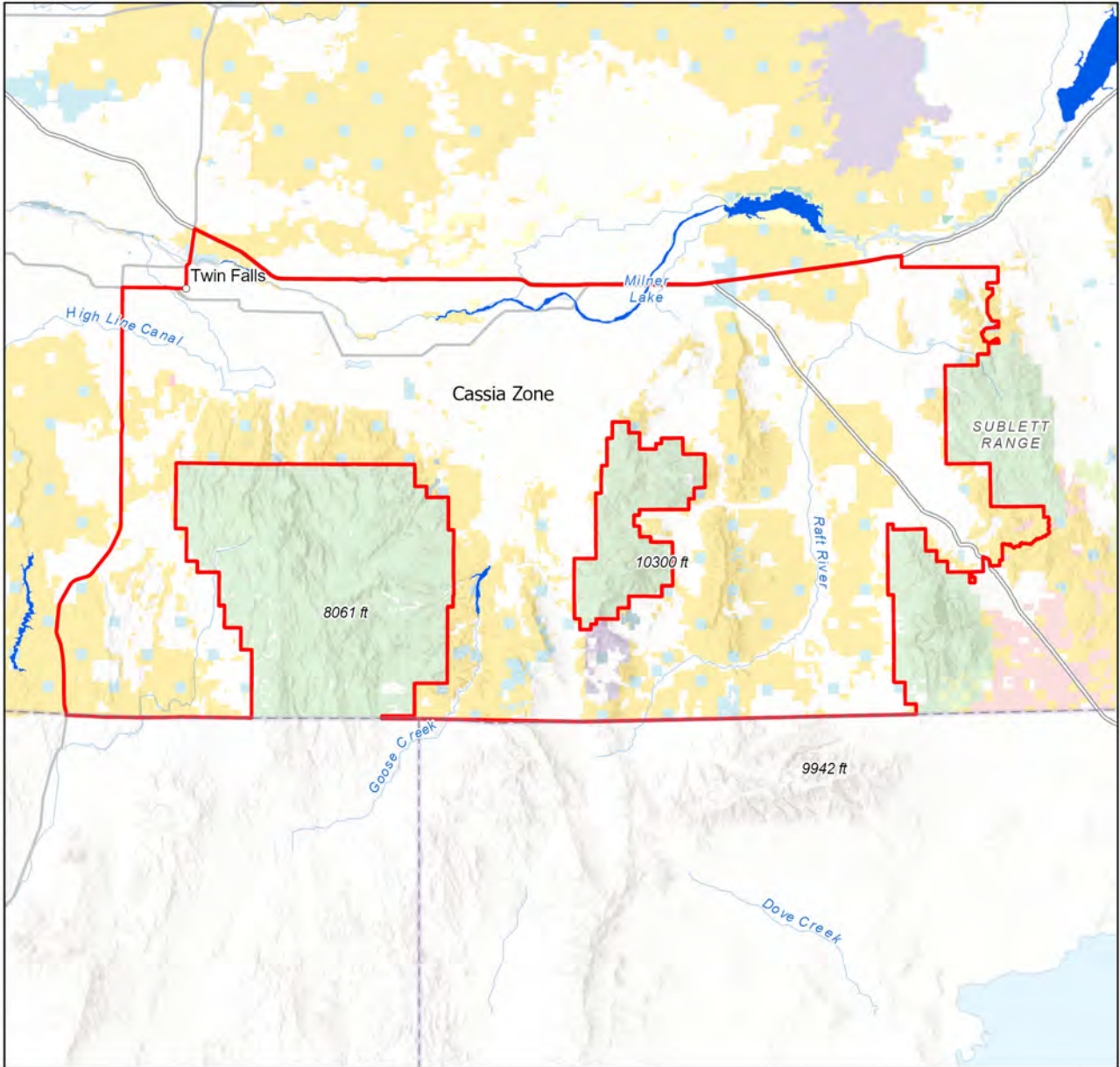
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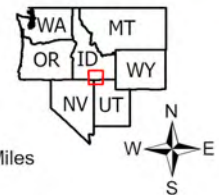
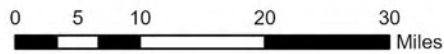


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## Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator

The South Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center Manager will serve as the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator representing public land agencies having jurisdiction within the South Idaho Zone. One of the two Assistant Center Managers will serve as the alternate Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator when necessary.

## Fire Restrictions Evaluation Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The criteria listed below is intended to be evaluated for each of the 4 fire restrictions zones within South Idaho Fire Restrictions Area.

**Stage I:** If at least three of the below conditions are forecasted to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, **consider** a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the below conditions are forecasted to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

Fuel moistures are above the 80th percentile. Reference sampled sagebrush moisture content in Three Creek [Balanced Rock and Three Creek BLM Sites], Shoshone [Three Island, Notch Butte, and Rye Grass BLM Sites] and Cassia Zones, 1000 Hour Fuel Moisture [Stanley, Fleck, Abbott Bridge and Ohio Gulch] in Sawtooth North as well as Sagebrush moisture [Ohio Gulch and Rye Grass Flats BLM Sites].

Adjective Fire Danger is forecasted to remain Very High or Extreme for next 7 days.

8-14 day climate outlook shows persistent or worsening conditions (i.e. normal temps/precip to above normal temps/below normal precipitation or some combination of these variations).

Local Preparedness Level (SIIDC) of PL3 or greater.

Wildfires caused by campfires are occurring more frequently compared to the historical average for the time of year.

Targeted prevention measures have not significantly decreased the number of escaped campfires and implementing stage I restrictions will likely reduce abandoned or escaped campfires outside of designated recreation sites. Targeted prevention may include press releases, radio announcements, social media and patrols to locations where abandoned/escaped campfires are being consistently reported.

**Stage II:** Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the below conditions are forecasted to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the below conditions are forecasted to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction.

Counties and local partners within the fire restrictions zone(s) are implementing burn bans and plan to continue until conditions moderate.

SIIDC is at PL4 or higher; commitment of suppression resources to existing fires or new initial attack is expected to remain high.

Fuel moistures are above the 90th percentile. Reference sampled sagebrush moisture content in Three Creek [Balanced Rock and Three Creek BLM Sites], Shoshone [Three Island, Notch Butte, and Rye Grass BLM Sites] and Cassia Zones [Jim Sage, Shoshone Basin and Goose Creek BLM Sites, Cassia Sage FS Site], 1000 Hour Fuel Moisture [Stanley, Fleck, Abbott Bridge and Ohio Gulch] in Sawtooth North as well as Sagebrush moisture [Ohio Gulch and Rye Grass Flats BLM Sites].

Adjective Fire Danger is forecasted to remain Very High or Extreme for next 7 days

8-14 day climate outlook shows persistent or worsening conditions (i.e. normal temps/precip to above normal temps/below normal precipitation or some combination of these variations).

Human caused wildfires (all causes except lightning) are occurring more frequently compared to the historical average for the time of year.

Widespread prevention measures have been unsuccessful; human caused wildfires are continuing to occur from acts that would be prohibited by stage II restrictions (ex. operating vehicles off designated roads, welding, chainsaws, campfires within designated areas).

## **Land Management Decision Group**

The following Land Management Fire Managers and Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator (Decision Group) will stay informed on present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. Once a decision is made the respective fire manager will notify and coordinate with their Agency Administrator. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

### **Decision Group**

Twin Falls BLM District  
Fish & Wildlife Service  
Sawtooth NF  
Idaho Department of Lands  
National Parks Service  
Bureau of Reclamation

### **Key Contact List**

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restricted areas, etc., prior to releasing this information to the general public. Sufficient information will be provided to assist these agencies to accurately answer questions from their

local constituents. It is the responsibility of the fire managers within the Decision Group to contact the members of the key contact group within their respective jurisdictions.

### **Fire Departments**

American Falls FD	Minidoka County FD
ACE Fire Protection Unit	North Cassia Rural
Albion RFD	Oakley FD
Bellevue City FD	Dietrich FD
Bliss Rural FD	West Magic FD
Box Elder Co. (UT) FD	Richfield FD
Buhl FD	Rock Creek RFD
Camas County FD	Rupert City Fire/Rescue
Carey-Picabo FD	Salmon Tract RFD
Raft River RFD	Shoshone Fire Dept.
Gooding FD .	Sun Valley FD
Hailey City Fire Dept.	Twin Falls FD
Jerome City FD	Wendell FD
Jerome Rural FD	Sawtooth Valley Rural FD
Ketchum City FD	Smiley Creek FD
Ketchum RFD	First Segregation FD
King Hill FD	Wood River Fire/Rescue

### **Law Enforcement Agencies**

Blaine Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Camas Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Cassia Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Elmore Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Gooding. Sheriff Dept.  
Idaho State Police  
Jerome Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Minidoka Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Twin Falls. Sheriff Dept.  
Sircom  
Lincoln Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Owyhee Co. Sheriff Dept.

## **State Agencies**

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation  
Idaho Department of Fish &  
Game City of Rocks National  
Reserve  
Idaho Department of Land- Fire  
Bureau Idaho Department of  
Transportation Idaho Office of  
Emergency Services  
Utah Forestry, Fire & State Lands

## **Other Federal Agencies**

Boise District  
BLM Idaho Falls  
District BLM Elko  
District BLM  
Salt Lake District BLM  
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

## **Media Plan**

The Twin Falls BLM Fire PIO and the Sawtooth Forest Public Affairs Officers will co- lead as Media Lead. They will coordinate information release with Public Affairs Officers from the Idaho Department of Lands, from adjoining BLM offices, and from the National Park Service. The Media Leads will work closely with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator and the previously mentioned Public Affairs Officers to provide a unified and consistent message. Each agency Public Affairs Officer will make the appropriate media contacts within their respective area. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions and to reduce the number of human-caused fires.

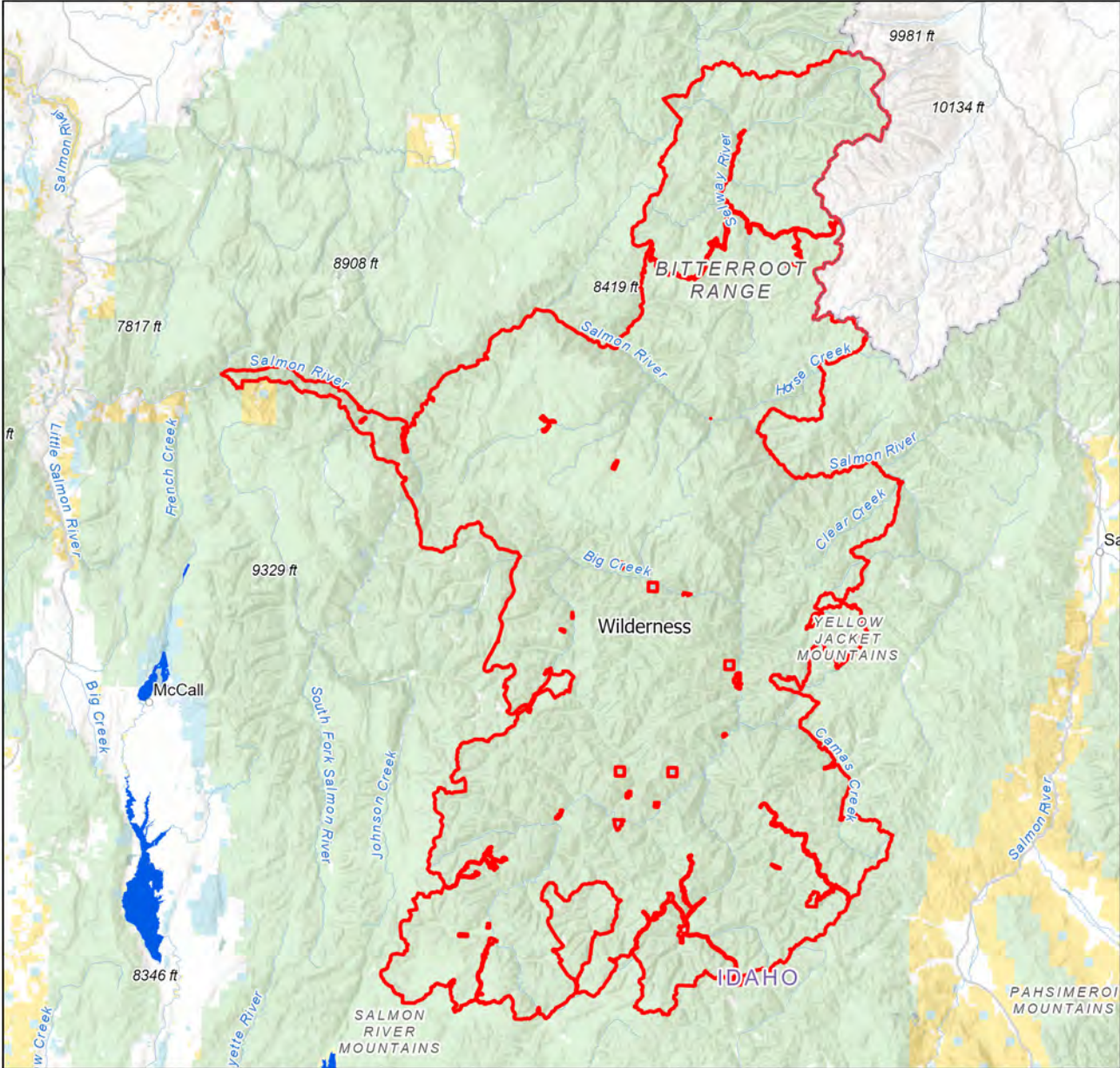
## **Responsibilities of Media Leads**

- Work with Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Coordinate with the Public Affairs Officers of Decision Group agencies.
- Assure all internal personnel of land management agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media.
- Ensure agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restricted area(s) and exact restriction requirements.



# WILDERNESS

## Wilderness Wilderness Fire Restriction Area

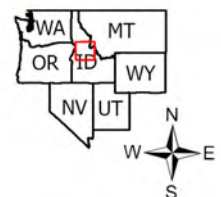
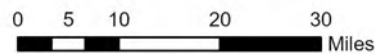


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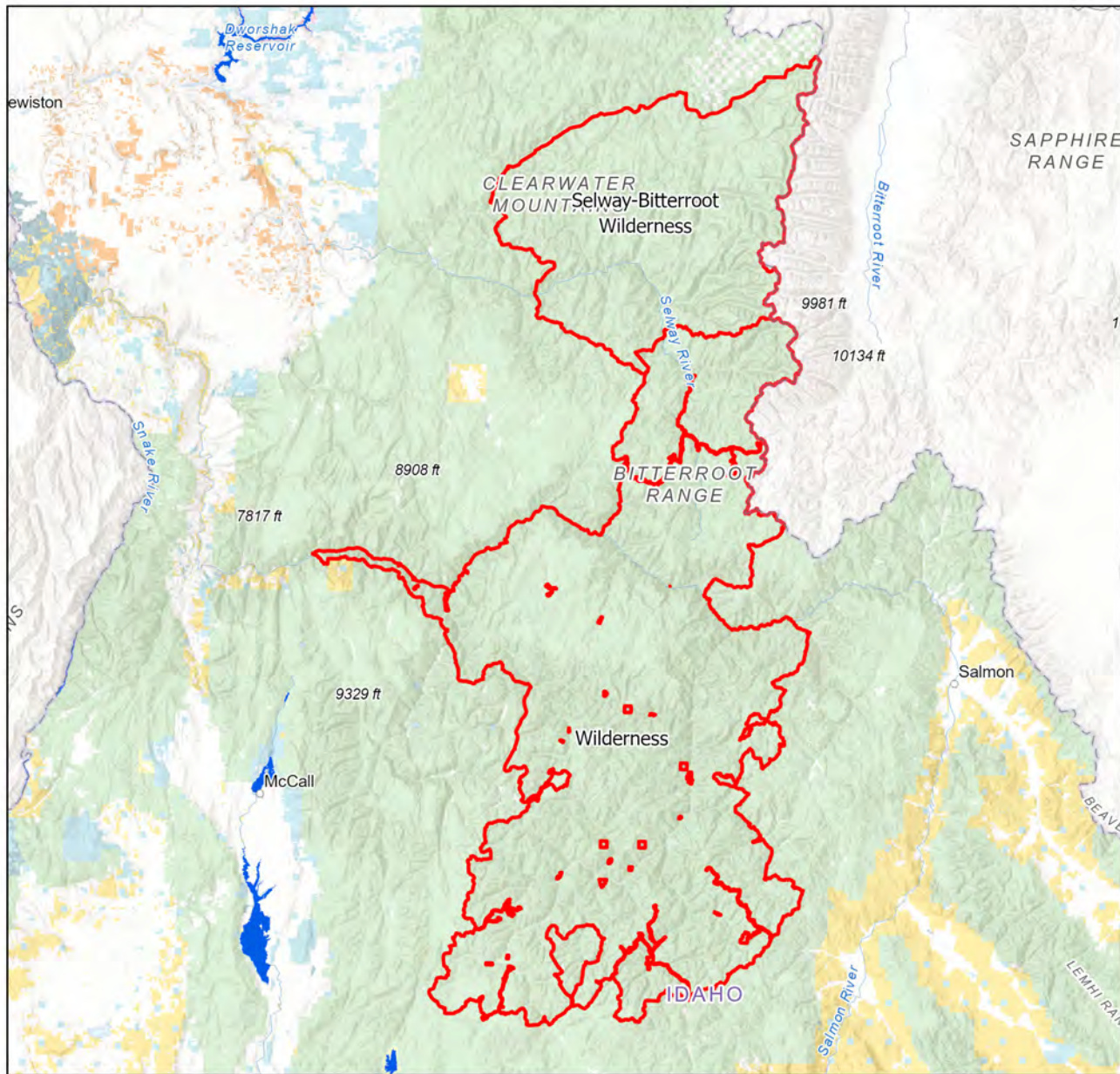
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# Wilderness Area

## Fire Restriction Areas

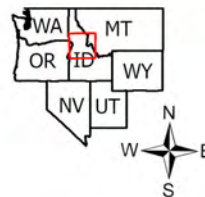
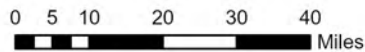


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## WILDERNESS FIRE RESTRICTIONS

### Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator

The Central Idaho Fire Center Manager will serve as the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction within Wilderness Restriction Area.

### Fire Restrictions Evaluation Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. When consideration is being given to initiating or rescinding restrictions these criteria should be viewed from a minimum of the 7-10 day forecast perspective and not a short-term forecast. The weather-related factors will be taken from RAWs and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in the Wilderness Restriction Area.

1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12 percent or less.

Three-day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 95th percentile or above.

Live Fuel Moisture Content is 75 percent or less.

Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.

Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment limits adequate initial attack capability.

Area is receiving human-caused fire starts and the risk is predicted to increase from human activity (upcoming holiday, hunting, or recreational use, etc.)

Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue over the next 7-10 days as depicted on the local "National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential" website <https://fsapps.nwccg.gov/psp/npsg/forecast#/outlooks?state=map> Adverse fire weather conditions would include a "Fuel Dryness" rating of Very Dry, or any predicted "High Risk Events" over the next 7 days.

All other prevention measures are not proving successful

The "National Weather Service – Climate Prediction Center" web site <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/> is another reference.

### Stage I

If at least three of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days, consider a Stage I restriction. When a Stage I restriction is in place and no more than two of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage I restriction.

### Stage II

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are forecast to be met over the next 7 – 10 days. When a Stage II restriction is in place and no more than three of the above conditions are forecast to be met for the next 7 – 10 days consider rescinding the Stage II restriction and moving into Stage I restriction.

### **Wilderness Area Land Management Decision Group**

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised by their fire managers of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above during discussion with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator. Agency administrators, fire managers and the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will jointly discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions and the timing of restrictions. The decision group has the flexibility to initiate restrictions as needed based on individual wilderness fire severity conditions. When a majority of the decision group agencies agree that restrictions are necessary, all agencies within the Wilderness Restriction Area agree to initiate coordinated restrictions for the area to avoid confusing the public. The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will notify the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan Coordinator of the intention to implement or rescind fire restrictions. After a decision is made to implement or rescind fire restrictions each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdictions.

Specifically, the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will work through the Fire Managers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group. The respective fire managers have the responsibility to brief and work with their Line Officers regarding the conditions and the potential need for restrictions, using the evaluation guidelines as the framework for discussion. The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will also work closely with the Lead Public Affairs Officer during discussions related to implementing or rescinding fire restrictions for the area.

Salmon-Challis NF  
Payette NF  
Nez Perce- Clearwater NFS  
Bitterroot NF

### **Key Contact List**

#### **Federal Law Enforcement Agencies**

Bitterroot NF  
Boise NF  
Nez Perce- Clearwater NFS  
Payette NF  
Salmon-Challis NF

#### **Sheriff's Departments**

Custer County  
Idaho County  
Lemhi County  
Ravalli County

Valley County

### **State Agencies**

Idaho Department of Lands

Idaho Department of Fish & Game

### **County Commissioners**

Custer County

Idaho County

Lemhi County

Ravalli County

Valley County

Clearwater County

### **Others**

Idaho Outfitters & Guide Association

### **Media Plan**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Public Affairs Officer will take the lead for coordinating information release with The Public Affairs Officers from the other four National Forests. The lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence.

Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts.

### **Responsibilities of Media Lead**

- Work with Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Coordinate with the Public Affairs Officers of Decision Group agencies.
- Assure all internal personnel of land management agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all media.
- Ensure agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restricted area(s) and exact restriction requirements.

# APPENDIX 9: AREA BOUNDARIES- NARRATIVE FORMAT

## Boise Dispatch Area/ Fire Restrictions Area

### Owyhee Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone

All of Owyhee County west of the Bruneau Canyon.

### Treasure Valley Fire Restrictions Zone

All of Ada, Canyon, Gem, Payette, and Washington Counties. Portions of Boise County including the administrative boundary of Lucky Peak Lake to Arrowrock Dam, south shore of Arrowrock Reservoir and that portion of Elmore County that lies south of the South Fork Boise River to Anderson Ranch Dam, south along Anderson Dam Rd (FS134) to Hwy 20, east on Hwy 20 to the Elmore/Gooding County line south to I-84.

### West Central Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone

Boise National Forest, Boise District BLM and State and Endowment Lands within Elmore County and Boise County. Boise National Forest lands within Valley County. From the point where the Boise National Forest boundary intersects Idaho State highway 20 near Dixie following the Boise Forest boundary west and north along the ridge of the Danskin to Boise front foothills and extending North encompassing the Idaho Department of Lands to its intersection back with the Boise National Forest boundary near Sagehen reservoir and State and Endowment Lands in the High Valley Area (Valley County). The far northern boundary includes all Boise National Forest lands excluding those within the Frank Church Wilderness. All lands north of Sagehen reservoir including Tripod Mountain and West Mountain within the North Fork Payette River drainage north to near Tamarack Resort.

## Central Idaho Dispatch Area/ Fire Restrictions Area

Those portions of Custer County that are north and east of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area excluding the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. That portion of Lemhi County that is not federal land designated as wilderness.

## Coeur d'Alene Dispatch Area/ Fire Restrictions Area

All five Idaho Panhandle counties (Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, and Benewah Counties).

### North Zone

Beginning at the Washington, Canadian and Idaho Border then east along Idaho-Canadian Border to the Administrative boundary between the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) and Kootenai National Forest (KNF), then south following the same boundary to Line Point, then south along the state line and then southwest along the IPNF-KNF administrative boundary to the state line, then south crossing the Clark Fork River to Elk Ridge, then west along IPNF and KNF, then follow divide between Pend Oreille Lake and the Coeur d'Alene River Drainage (Sandpoint Ranger District and Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Administrative Boundary) to Chilco Mountain Ridge, then north along Coeur d'Alene River-Sandpoint Ranger District administrative boundary to Bernard Peak, then west on ridge to Section 16 and North to Pend Oreille Lake, then west and north

around Idlewilde Bay and Scenic Bay to Cape Horn, then west along Bonner and Kootenai County Line to the Idaho Washington State Line, then North across the Pend Oreille River, then north along Idaho Panhandle-Colville National Forest Administrative Boundary to the point of beginning.

### South Zone

Beginning at the 332A and 332 Road junction, southeast along IPNF-KNF administrative Boundary to the Idaho- Montana State Line, then southeast along the state line to Thompson Pass continuing along state line to Lookout Pass, continuing along state line to Graves Peak, then west along IPNF-Clearwater National Forest Administrative Boundary to Floodwood State Forest-IPNF Administrative Boundary, then north to Road 220, then northwest along Road 220 to Road 457, continue on Road 457 to Road 457 and Road 301 junction, continue on Road 301 to Gold Center Creek and Road 759, then north on Road 759 to Road 321, then west on Road 321 to Road 226 then west on Road 226 to Road 1491, then south on Road 1491 to Road 321, then through Clarkia, across Highway 3 to Clarkia Peak, then to Cedar Butte, Betchel Butte and Sherwin Point, then following west along the Palouse Ranger District/St. Joe Ranger District Boundary to the west to West Dennis Point. From Dennis Point heading south west to Fairview Knob then south along ridgeline to the center of section 19, then from center of section 19 continue along ridgeline to southwest to section 23, then west five sections, north one section, west one section, north two sections, west one section, north four sections, west three sections, north two sections, west seven sections to Washington-Idaho State Line, then North to Kootenai-Bonner County Line, then east on county line to Cape Horn on Pend Orielle Lake, then west and south around Scenic Bay and Idlewilde Bay to Farragut State Park and Sandpoint Ranger District Administrative Boundary, then north and east along Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District boundary to Bernard Peak and Chilco Mountain Ridge, then east along same administrative boundary (Pend Orielle Lake-Coeur d'Alene River Divide) to Weber Saddle, then north and east along same boundary to Summit Camp, then south and west to the beginning.

## Eastern Idaho Dispatch Area/ Fire Restrictions Area

### Big Desert Fire Restrictions Zone

All of Bannock, Butte, Bingham, Jefferson and Madison Counties, and portions of Power and Oneida Counties, and portions of Bonneville County west of Ririe Reservoir and all lands not administered by Caribou/Targhee National Forest, and portions of Madison County not administered by the Caribou/Targhee National Forest. Excludes those lands in Power and Oneida Counties that are administered by the Sawtooth National Forest. Excludes those lands in Butte County administered by Salmon/Challis National Forest and excludes those portions of the Upper Snake River Field Office administered by Central Idaho Dispatch.

### Caribou Highlands Fire Restrictions Zone

All of Bear Lake, Caribou, and Franklin Counties.

### Centennial Fire Restrictions Zone

All of Clark, Fremont, and Teton Counties and portions of Bonneville County east of Ririe Reservoir and lands administered by Caribou/Targhee National Forest, and portions of Madison County administered by Caribou/Targhee National Forest.

### Grangeville Dispatch Area/ Fire Restrictions Area

The Grangeville fire restrictions area predominantly corresponds with the Grangeville Dispatch Area boundary and is divided into two separate zones: West and East.

#### West Zone:

The western boundary (starting at Hells Canyon Dam) predominately follows the Snake River North to its confluence with the Clearwater River at Lewiston ID. The boundary then continues north along the Idaho/Washington border until turning west at the Palouse Divide and Palouse Ranger District boundary approximately 2.5 miles North of Farmington Washington.

The northern boundary predominately follows the Palouse Ranger District northern border and Palouse Divide from the Washington/Idaho state line to its junction with the Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protection Association protection boundary near State Highway 3. It then follows the Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protection Association's northern boundary to the East to Crescendo Peak where it then turns South and continues to the junction with the Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs at the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

The eastern boundary then predominately follows the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF's western edge to the south until its junction with the Salmon River 2 miles east of Riggins, ID.

The southern boundary then follows the main Salmon River West to its confluence with The Little Salmon River at Riggins. Then follows the Little Salmon River to the confluence with Lockwood Creek just North of Pinehurst, ID. From here the boundary follows the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF's to the west until its junction with Hell's Canyon Wilderness Area Boundary. Then follows this boundary back to its start at the Hell's Canyon Dam.

**NOTE:** Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Wilderness is administered by the Wallowa Whitman NF; however, any/all implemented fire restrictions will follow the Idaho State Plan under the West Zone of the Grangeville Fire Restrictions Area.

#### East Zone:

The western boundary (starting 2 miles East of Riggins where the National Forest Boundary meets the Salmon River) predominantly follows the NCF Forest boundary line to its corner where the National Forest boundary meets the North Fork of the Clearwater River approximately 2.5 miles south of Crescendo Peak.

The northern boundary then continues to follow NCF Forest boundary to the East until its junction with the Idaho/Montana state border.

The eastern boundary then follows the western edge of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness boundary to the South until its junction with the Magruder Corridor Road at Dry Saddle

Campground. Then continues along the Magruder Corridor Road to the east to the head of Sabe Creek where it then follows the NCF Forest boundary to the South until the confluence of Sabe Creek and the Main Salmon River.

The southern boundary then follows the NCF Forest boundary along the Main Salmon River back to the starting point 2 miles East of Riggins ID.

### Payette Dispatch Area/ Fire Restrictions Area

Payette Restriction Area: All Payette National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, state, and private lands contained within the following boundary description. Beginning at the confluence of the Main and Little Salmon Rivers, the boundary travels east along the Main Salmon River to its junction with the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The line then turns south and follows the wilderness boundary to the Boise National Forest. Here the line continues along the Payette/Boise NF boundary until reaching state and private lands within Long Valley. At this point, the restriction area line turns south following the Boise NF boundary south to Highway 55 east of mile marker 84.5. It then turns west traveling through state land until joining again with the Boise NF boundary on the west side of Highway 55. Here the restriction boundary line turns north once again following the Boise NF border. The line turns west along the Boise NF border at T10N R3E Section 33 through Section 32. The boundary line turns north at the southwest corner of Section 32 and travels north through private land until it reaches the northwest corner of section 32. At this point it once again follows the Boise NF border northward until reaching the Payette/Boise NF boundaries. Here the line turns west, then south, then west again following the boundary between the two forests until reaching BLM lands west of the national forest lands. The boundary line turns north at this point following the Payette NF boundary to the Little Weiser River. It then follows the Little Weiser River west to Highway 95 and follows Highway 95 west and south to its junction with the Snake River.

The boundary then travels north along the Snake River to the Payette NF- Hells Canyon NRA boundary. At this point the restriction area boundary follows the Payette NF boundary east to Highway 95. Here the line turns north following Highway 95 back to the initial point of the Little Salmon-Main Salmon River confluence.

#### Snake/Weiser River Zone:

All state, private and BLM lands east of the Snake River, north and west of Highway 95 to the Little Weiser River, and north of the Little Weiser River to the Payette NF boundary. The boundary then follows the Payette NF boundary back to the Snake River.

#### Payette NF West Zone:

All Payette National Forest lands west of Highway 95, south of New Meadows, and west of Cascade Lake, including all BLM, state, and private lands within the Payette National Forest boundary.

#### Long Valley/Meadows Valley Zone:

All BLM, state, and private lands located within the following boundary description which includes all lands within Meadows Valley and Long Valley, Idaho. The northern boundary begins at the junction of Forest Service Road 074 and Highway 95. It runs due east along

the BLM/state land boundary to the Payette National Forest boundary. Here it turns south following the Payette NF boundary through Meadows Valley to Long Valley until its junction with the Boise NF. The zone restriction line continues following the Boise NF boundary south until reaching a point due east of Highway 55, mile marker 84.5. It then turns west traveling through state land until joining again with the Boise NF boundary on the west side of Highway 55. Here the restriction boundary line turns north once again following the Boise NF border. The line turns west along the Boise NF border at T10N R3E Section 33 through Section 32. The boundary line turns north at the southwest corner of Section 32 and travels north through private land until it reaches the northwest corner of section 32. At this point it once again follows the Boise NF border northward until reaching the Payette/Boise NF boundaries. The zone boundary line continues north following the Payette NF Forest boundary through Long Valley to Meadows Valley until arriving back at the point of origin at the junction of Forest Service Road 074 and Highway 95.

#### Little Salmon River Zone:

All state, private, and BLM lands contained within the following boundary description. The southern boundary begins at the junction of Forest Service Road 074 and Highway 95. It runs west to the Payette National Forest boundary. The boundary then runs north following the Payette National Forest line to north edge of T22N R1E Section 9 where it turns east to Highway 95. The boundary then follows Highway 95 north to its junction with the Main Salmon River and follows the river east to the Payette National Forest boundary. At this point the line turns south and follows the Payette National Forest line south until due east of Forest Service Road 074, where it turns west at the south edge of T5N, R1E, Section 25 to its junction with Highway 95.

#### Payette NF East Zone:

All Payette National Forest lands east of Highway 95, including all state and private lands within the Payette National Forest boundary, and excluding the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

### South Idaho Dispatch Area/ Fire Restrictions Area

South Central Fire Restrictions Area is further subdivided into four zones for the purposes of implementing fire restrictions, see map for these boundaries.

#### Sawtooth Zone:

All Sawtooth National Forest, Twin Falls District BLM, and Idaho State Lands north of Highway 20 to the northern most Sawtooth National Forest boundary. From Hill City east to the Craters of the Moon National Park Visitors Center,

#### Shoshone Zone:

All Twin Falls District BLM and Idaho State lands north of I-84 to Highway 20. From King Hill east to Massacre Rocks State Park.

#### Three Creek Zone:

All Twin Falls District BLM and Idaho State lands south of I-84 south to Idaho/Nevada border. West of Highway 93 to the Bruneau Canyon.

### Cassia Zone:

All Twin Falls District BLM, Idaho State lands and Sawtooth National Forest lands from I-84/I-86 south of Idaho/Utah/Nevada border. East of Highway 93 to the Cassia County/Onieda County line.

### Wilderness Areas Fire Restrictions Area

All federal lands in Custer, Lemhi, Valley, and Idaho Counties that are designated as wilderness, specifically the Frank Church River of No Return, and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Areas. Non-federal land inclusions within the wilderness belong to the restriction area that corresponds to the county in which the inclusion lies. See Wilderness Fire Restrictions Area map in Appendix 9 for reference.

# APPENDIX 10: EXAMPLES- NEW RELEASE, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS INTERAGENCY NEWS RELEASE

Stage I- Region 4



Bureau of Land Management  
Shoshone Field Office  
400 West F St.  
Shoshone, ID 83352



Sawtooth National Forest  
Supervisors Office  
2647 Kimberly Road  
Twin Falls Idaho, 83301



Idaho Department of Lands  
300 N 6th St #103  
Boise, ID 83702

## News Release

CONTACT:

(IDL)- XXX-XXX-XXXX

(BLM)- XXX-XXX-XXXX

(USDA FS)- XXX-XXX-

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### Stage 1 Fire Restrictions ordered for south central Idaho

SHOSHONE, Idaho—August XX, 20XX

As the threat of wildfire danger continues to increase, state and federal land management agencies will **implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on lands within south central Idaho** effective **August XX, 20XX** at 12:01 a.m. Fire restrictions are intended to decrease the chance of any preventable fires in the designated areas.

Stage 1 fire restrictions will be in place on federal, state and private forest and rangelands, roads, and trails, situated in **XXX** counties.

These restrictions are being implemented by agencies managing or providing wildland fire protection, which include the Sawtooth National Forest, Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls District, and the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). **The following Zone is going into restrictions:**

**Include Zones in this area.**

Under the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, the following acts are prohibited on state and federally managed or protected lands, roads, and trails:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire **except** within a designated recreation site and in a permanent concrete or metal fire ring, or on private land, and only within an owner-provided structure.

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

The following are exemptions to the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- Other exemptions unique to each agency.

With the fire season well underway, these restrictions are intended to keep visitors to public lands safe as well as prevent dangerous and damaging wildfires. If you are planning a visit to public lands in these areas, please check with the Sawtooth Ranger District offices <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth>, the BLM Twin Falls District BLM <https://www.blm.gov/idaho> or the [Idaho Department of Lands Fire Restrictions Finder](#).

# # #

## Stage II- Region 1



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**XXX XX, 2022**

CONTACTS:

**Bureau of Land Management**

**Coeur d'Alene District Office (208) 769-5004**

**Coeur d'Alene Tribe Fire Management (208) 686-1199**

**Idaho Department of Lands (208) 769-1530**

**Idaho Department of Fish and Game**

**Panhandle Region (208) 769-1414**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (208) 378-5243**

**U.S. Forest Service**

**Priest Lake Ranger District (208) 443-2512**

**Bonnars Ferry Ranger District (208) 267-5561**

**Sandpoint Ranger District (208) 263-5111**

**Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District**

**Fernan (208) 664-2318**

**Silver Valley (208) 783-2363**

**St. Joe Ranger District**

**St. Maries (208) 245-2531**

**Avery (208) 245-4517**

**Supervisor's Office (208) 765-7223**

### **Fire Danger Prompts Stage II Fire Restrictions**

COEUR D'ALENE, ID – Drought conditions coupled with historic high temperatures have raised the fire danger rating to very high and extreme across northern Idaho. The local dispatch area recently saw an increase to Preparedness Level 4 (PL4), and conditions nationally are also PL4. This means several geographic areas are experiencing large, complex wildfires, suppression resources are spread thin, and the majority of other firefighting personnel are committed to wildland fire incidents. These unprecedented conditions have prompted **Stage II** fire restrictions to be implemented in accordance with the criteria established in the 2022 Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan for all lands in the Coeur d'Alene Dispatch area. Stage II Fire Restrictions will be implemented beginning at 00:01 a.m. on **XX, 2022** and will remain in effect until further notice.

Stage II Fire Restrictions are being implemented in the Coeur d'Alene Fire Restriction Area, which includes all state, federal, and private forestland and rangeland in Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone Counties. This also includes National Forest System lands in Washington and Montana that are administered by the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. These restrictions are being implemented by agencies managing lands or providing wildland fire protection in the area,

including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

Under Stage II fire restrictions, the following acts **are prohibited** on the restricted private, state and federally managed or protected lands, roads, and trails:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails in accordance with existing travel management plans for non-commercial purposes including ATVs, UTVs, and pickups.
4. **The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:** *(A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all work as described in a, b, and c below.)*
  - a. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, yarding, processing, log loading and hauling, road building and woodcutting or any other activity employing the use of an internal combustion engine or off-road activity associated with industrial operations or firewood gathering.
  - b. Blasting, welding, grinding or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.
  - c. Using an explosive.

The following are exemptions to the Stage II Fire Restrictions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire or stove fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using a generator with an approved spark arrester on areas that are cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
4. Log loading and hauling only from landings and existing roads and only on non-federal lands.
5. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.
6. Normal operations on crop lands.
7. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per conditions in Stage II Exemptions for Public Utilities and Railroads. Please see Appendix 11 of the 2022 Idaho Interagency Fire Restrictions plan available at <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>.
8. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

9. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
10. All land within a city boundary.

With the extreme temperatures and drought, the region is experiencing, fire managers are asking the public to be extra cautious when spending time in the outdoors. **Possession and/or use of fireworks is always prohibited on federal public lands.**

Please visit <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/> for a detailed map and current information regarding fire restrictions or contact the local land management office.

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# FIRE RESTRICTION ORDER FOR STAGE I & STAGE II

Stage I- BLM

## NOTICE OF STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Bureau of Land Management, Idaho

Wildfire danger is Very High to Extreme in most parts of Idaho. Therefore, pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9200, subpart 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) XXX has instituted **Stage I Fire Restrictions on the XXX District. Those areas include public lands administered by the BLM or Bureau of Reclamation lands protected through agreement in:**

**Zone-**

### **STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS:**

**The following acts are prohibited on the public land, roads, and trails described herein:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.
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 materials.

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These restrictions shall be in full force and effect starting at **001 hours,**

**XXX and will remain in effect until rescinded.**

Dated this XX day of XXX 2021.

District Manager

Violation of the above prohibited acts is punishable by fine of not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months (Title 18 USC 1856, Title 43 USC 1701, Title 43 9212.4, and/or appropriate State laws).

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Stage I Fire Restrictions**

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Supervisors, and BLM District Managers. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Lands.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by Land Management agencies.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire provided by the agency or campground owner. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined below.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine.

OWNER PROVIDED STRUCTURE – A permanent fire ring/structure that is installed and maintained by the agency having administrative control or the individual who has ownership rights of the property.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, outfitted with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length, employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh

screen opening of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (for the purposes of Stage II Restrictions, stoves fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels are within exemption #2, and do not require a chimney or spark arrester).

**NOTICE OF RESCISSION OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
ON TWIN FALLS DISTRICT BLM LANDS  
Bureau of Land Management, Idaho**

Wildfire danger has lessened in South Central Idaho. Therefore, pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9200, subpart 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Twin Falls District Manager has **rescinded all Fire Restrictions** on public lands administered by the BLM or Bureau of Reclamation lands (protected through agreement) in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Custer, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Owyhee, and Twin Falls counties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These restrictions are hereby rescinded starting at **0001 hours**, on **September 1, 2021**.

Dated this 27th day of August 2021.

Michael Courtney  
Twin Fall District Manager



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS**

**FOREST ORDER  
STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to **16 U.S.C. § 551, 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b)**, the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System Lands, roads and trails within the Idaho Panhandle National Forests effective July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 12:01 am and shall remain in effect until further notice.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area (see Exhibit A), 36 CFR § 261.52(a); and
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials., 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

**PURPOSE:**

This closure is to minimize wildland fire ignitions from human causes during very dry fuel conditions.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

This order will be in effect from **July 12th, 2021, at 12:01 am** and shall remain in effect until the order is rescinded.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this order;
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.;
3. Persons using stove fires with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length and employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch.;

4. Persons smoking while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is clear of all flammable materials; and
5. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Designated Area.** A geographic area identified by the Forest Service by posting notices in the area indicating that use of fire is not prohibited within the area as shown on the list attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Fire Structure.** A permanent metal or concrete structure that is specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire and has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service.

**Special Use or Other Authorization.** A written document issued by an authorized officer of the Forest Service to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

**Restriction.** A limitation on an activity or use.

**VIOLATION:**

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. §551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571(b)(6) and 3581(b)(7).

**INFORMATION:**

Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor's Office, 3232 West Nursery Road, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Telephone: (208) 765-7223.

Signed at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, this xx<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021

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Carl Petrick

Forest Supervisor  
Idaho Panhandle National Forests

**Exhibit A**

Developed Recreation Sites within the Stage I Restriction Area

**IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS**

**Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District**

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Beauty Creek Campground	Bell Bay Campground
Mokins Bay Campground	Medimont Boat Launch
Kit Price Campground	Berlin Flats Campground
Devil's Elbow Campground	Shoshone Park Picnic Area
Big Hank Campground	Prichard Bridge Picnic Area
Honeysuckle Campground	Avery Creek Picnic Area
Magee Cabin	Avery Creek Cabin

**St. Joe Ranger District**

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Big Creek Campground	Emerald Creek Campground
Hobo Cedar Grove Picnic Area	Turner Flat Campground
Camp 3 Campground	Tin Can Campground
Donkey Creek Campground	Conrad Crossing
Marble Creek Campground	Fly Flat Campground
Telichpah Campground	Beaver Creek Campground
Packsaddle Campground	Line Creek Stock Camp
Cedar Creek Campground	Spruce Tree Campground
Shadowy St. Joe Campground	Heller Creek Campground
Mammoth Springs Campground (concrete)	

**Sandpoint Ranger District**

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Evans Landing Campground	Garfield Bay Campground
Green Bay Campground	Maiden Rock Campground
Sam Owen Campground	Porcupine Lake Campground
Whiskey Rock Campground/ Day Use	Lee's Point Campground

**Bonnors Ferry Ranger District**

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Solomon Lake Campground	Meadowcreek Campground
Smith Creek Campground	Trout Creek Trailhead
Sinclair Lake Day Use Area	Copper Creek Campground
Roman Nose Campground	Brush Lake Campground
Robinson Lake Boat Launch	Boulder Horse Camp
Perkins Campground	Moyie Crossings Day Use Area
West Fork Cabin	Keno Campground

**Priest Lake Ranger District**

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Bartoo Island Campground	Geisinger Campground
Beaver Creek Campground	Kalispell Bay Day Use
Bottle Bay Campground	Kalispell Cabin
Distillery Bay Campground	Kalispell Island
Distillery Bay Campground	Ledgewood Campground
Luby Bay Campground	Navigation Campground
Osprey Campground	Outlet Campground
Plowboy Campground	Reynolds Creek Group Site
Priest Lake Info Center	Teachers Bay Campground
Reeder Bay Campground	Tule Bay Campground
Vinter Nelson Cabin	

Order Number: # 01-04-00-23-001



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Idaho Panhandle National Forests**

**Stage 2 Fire Restrictions**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b) the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue, or grill, except if using a device solely fueled by liquid or gas that can be turned on and off in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the device. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
2. Smoking is prohibited, except in an enclosed vehicle or building. 36 CFR § 261.52(d)
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). For chainsaw use a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) must be kept with the operator, and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(h), (j)
  - a. When operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, yarding, processing, road building or woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering between the hours of 1:00 pm to 1:00 am, a patrol of the operations area is required for 1 hour (3 hours for anyone engaged in a commercial harvest operation) following cessation of all work.
4. Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition. 36 CFR § 261.52(b)

5. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR § 261.52(i)
6. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off NFS roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the motor vehicle. 36 CFR § 261.56.

#### EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 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 exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons using a generator with an approved spark arrester on areas that are cleared of all flammable material within three feet of the generator.

#### DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

This order applies to all NFS lands, roads, and trails located within the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

#### PURPOSE

This order is promulgated to protect National Forest System Lands and the Public from wildland fire.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:01 am through December 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 am, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/ipnf/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor's Office, 3232 West Nursery Road, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at (208) 765-7223, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same Described Areas/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on August 4, 2023.

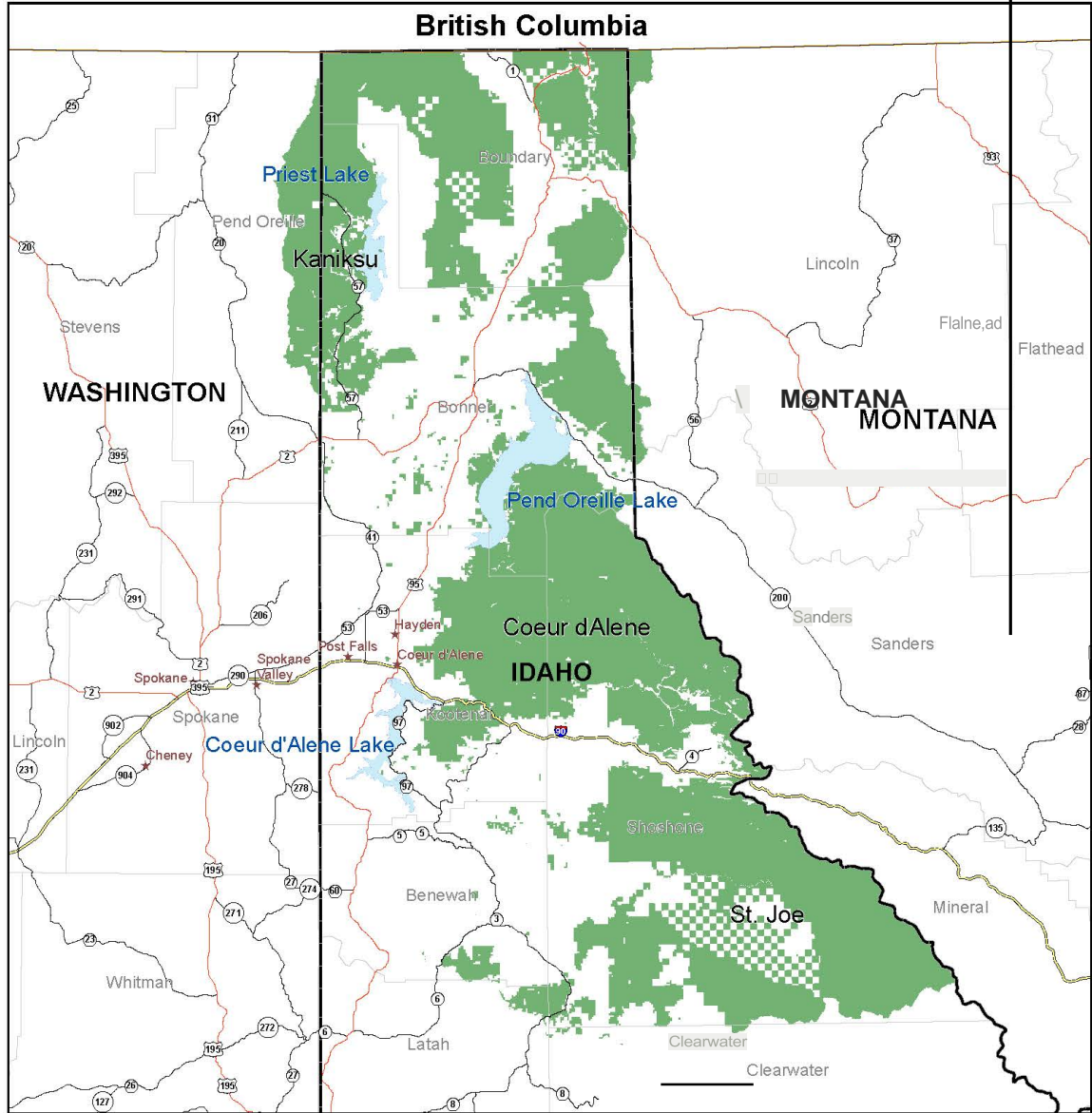
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Idaho Panhandle National Forest

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**Forest Closure - Stage II Fire Restriction Order Number 01-04-00-23-001**  
**Idaho Panhandle National Forests**

**Exhibit A**




**Closure Information**

Name: Stage II Fire Restrictions  
 Closure Order Number: 01-04-00-23-001  
 Effective Date: August 9th, 2023 at 12:01 am  
 Rescind Date: December 1st, 2023  
 Reason: Protect NFS Lands and the Public from wildland fire.

**Closures**

**Restricted Area**

 Idaho Panhandle National Forests  
 Restrictions apply to all National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails within the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

**IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS**



Map Author: amymthompson; Map Creation Date: 7/8/2021  
 Dates and order number edited 8/3/2023 by SMJ

## Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

### **1. Background:**

The Forest Service has prepared this emergency closure due to extreme fire danger. It is necessary to close this area, in order to protect USFS lands and provide for public safety.

### **2. Intent of Subpart B order:**

The intent of the following order is to protect public safety by restricting access on and around National Forest System lands, while providing for efficient operations while this closure is in effect.

### **3. Enforcement:**

Enforcement of the closure forest order will be a combination of signing, public information, personal contacts and law enforcement actions. The following summarizes the enforcement goals with respect to this closure order:

- The goal will be to ensure that people are informed of the closure order. This will initially be disseminated through contacts and information releases before the special order goes into effect.
- LEO's & FPO's will attempt to enforce the order through patrols and contacts when available to do so. Enforcement with a warning or citation will be at the discretion of the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) or Forest Protection Officer (FPO).

### **4. Posting:**

Current posting will be modified to reflect the new prohibition. Posting will be completed by the Forest Staff and will be posted at a minimum on the PCLWF Alerts & Notices web page, every District office, developed campgrounds and signage in the immediate area of the closure.

**Exhibit A**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR:** That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include the Superintendent, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Managers, BLM District Managers, Park Managers and other state agency officials. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the State Forester of the Idaho Department of Lands.

**CAMPFIRE:** A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires (usually built on the ground) using native fuels or charcoal, and include burn barrels, enclosed fireplace stands, and charcoal grills.

**APPROVED SPARK ARRESTER:** spark arresting device for internal combustion engines that is properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either: (1) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a, or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a).

**CHAINSAW:** A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

**CLOSURE:** The closing of an area to entry or use.

**DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS:** Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by land management agencies.

**DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE:** A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately-owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

**METAL FIRE PAN:** A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

**MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT:** Any equipment or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

**OWNER-PROVIDED FIRE STRUCTURE:** permanent metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire, or cooking fire provided by the agency, or landowner with a clearance of ten feet on all sides that is free of any flammable vegetation. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined above.

**PATROL:** One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for, suppressing, and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

**PERMIT:** A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

**RESTRICTION:** A limitation on an activity or use.

**STOVE FIRE:** A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove.

Recission Order



**U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Forest Service  
Idaho Panhandle National Forests  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

**Order No. 01-04-00-21-001**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) [and/or (b)], the prohibition listed in Order number 01-04-00-21-001, applicable to the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, dated July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and signed by Kim Pierson is hereby terminated. To take effect August 27, 2021, at 00:01.

**Done at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, this 24th day of August, 2021**

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Carl Petrick  
Forest Supervisor  
Idaho Panhandle National Forests  
Northern Region

\*\*\*ATTACH CLOSURE ORDER\*\*\*

Stage I Proclamation: State and Private Lands

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Signed this **XX<sup>th</sup>** day of **XX**, 202**X**

**NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS**

**Whereas, Critical Fire Danger exists within parts of Idaho, herein after described;**

**NOW THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me under Section 38-115, Idaho Code, and the Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection, I hereby direct the following Stage I Fire Restriction measures to apply to all state and private managed lands in the following areas outside of incorporated city limits as described below:**

**Insert Area Descriptions Here:**

For a detailed map, showing all Idaho Fire Restriction Areas, visit: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>

**The following acts are prohibited until further notice:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within a designated recreation site or on their own land and only within an owner-provided fire structure (see definition).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

## DEFINITIONS:

Designated Recreation Site: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately-owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

Owner-Provided Fire Structure: A permanent metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire, provided by the agency or landowner, with a clearance of ten feet on all sides that is free of any flammable vegetation. This does not include a metal fire pan.

## EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.
4. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written, posted notice.
5. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

For additional information on restrictions in a specific area, please contact the local land management office.

*An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.*

**These restrictions shall be in full force and effect from 2459 hours, XX until this order is otherwise rescinded.**

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Craig Foss, State Forester  
Idaho Department of Land

**Attach All Appropriate Maps Here**

## Stage II Proclamation: State and Private Lands

### IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Signed this XX<sup>th</sup> day of XX, XXXX

#### NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS

Whereas, Extreme fire danger exists within parts of Idaho, herein after described;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me under Section 38-115, Idaho Code, and the Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection, I hereby direct the following Stage II Fire Restrictions measures to apply to all state and private lands in the following areas outside of incorporated city limits as described below:

#### **INSERT Narrative of area description**

For a detailed map, showing all Idaho Fire Restriction Areas, visit: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>

#### **The following acts are prohibited until further notice:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails in accordance with existing travel management plans.
4. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all work as described in **a**, **b** and **c** below.
  - a. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering.
  - b. Blasting, welding, or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.
  - c. Using an explosive.

#### **EXEMPTIONS:**

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire or stove fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.

3. Persons using a generator with an approved spark arrestor on areas that are cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
4. Log loading and hauling only – from landings and existing roads and only on non-federal lands.
5. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.
6. Crop lands.
7. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions in Stage II Exemptions for Public Utilities and Railroads, Appendix 10.
8. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.
9. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
10. All land within a city boundary.

For additional information on restrictions in a specific area, please contact the local land management office.

*An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.*

**These restrictions shall be in full force and effect from 0001 hours, XXXX until this order is otherwise rescinded.**

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**Craig Foss, State Forester**

**Idaho Department of Lands**

**Attach All Appropriate Maps Here**

## Recession Order Stage I & II: State and Private Lands

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
Signed this XX<sup>th</sup> day of X 2022

### RESCINDING ORDER

The **Stage X Fire Restrictions** invoked under authority of Section 38-115 Idaho Code, and the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Forest Fire Protection are hereby rescinded on all state and private forest and range lands within the area of the State of Idaho herein described below.

#### **Insert narrative description from order**

For a detailed map, showing all Idaho Fire Restriction Areas, visit:

<https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>

For additional information on restrictions in a specific area, please contact the local land management office.

**This rescinding order is effective 0001, XX,XX, 202X**

Signed in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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Craig Foss, State Forester  
Idaho Department of Lands

**Attach All Appropriate Maps Here**

# APPENDIX 11: STAGE II EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND RAILROADS

## STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS AUTHORIZED EXEMPTION PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY

### Development and Objective

The Stage II Fire Restrictions Authorized Exemption is the result of lessons learned in 2000 as well as collaboration with federal and state agencies, industrial specialists, and power suppliers. The objective for allowing activities to occur from 1300 (1:00 p.m.) to 0100 (1:00 a.m.) is emergency in nature only. If mitigation of emergencies is not dealt with in a timely fashion, there is a good probability that the lack of mitigation could lead to a fire start or result in an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service.

### Intent and Administration

The intent of the exemption is to identify emergency conditions and on-site measures required to mitigate those conditions that would otherwise be prohibited under Stage II restriction. As written, the authorized exemption would allow emergency repairs and be noted on each agency's restrictions document. The exemption would remain in effect until the Stage II restriction was rescinded. The terms and conditions would become part of the agency restriction document and would not require the issuance of permits.

### Process

The terms and conditions should not have to be modified. The intent is to ensure that there is consistency across the geographic area and that all operators are treated equally. The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will facilitate the distribution of the terms and conditions and work with the lead Agency Administrator to ensure agencies throughout the restriction area are consistent in their implementation of the exemptions.

The agency issuing the restriction document will establish a protocol for communications and coordination. It is highly encouraged that agencies throughout the restriction area work towards establishing a centralized protocol to lessen the impact on the public utility companies.

The example for vehicles in this exemption was developed according to *Idaho's Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection* and with cooperation from Idaho utility companies. When used in other states you must utilize the proper requirements for that state and make sure you reference the proper state law or rule.

## Example: Stage 2 Fire Restriction Authorized Exemption- Public Utilities

### FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Exercise of the privileges granted by this exemption constitutes agreement with and acceptance of all terms and conditions herein. This exemption does not absolve a company of any liability or responsibility for any fires ignited by the company's operations.**

#### **Area covered by Exemption**

This exemption only applies to [type of lands] National Forest System Lands on the [unit] Payette National Forest. This exemption is only valid under [agency document] Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03 signed on [date] July 6, 20XX and will remain in effect until rescinded.

#### **Scope of Exempted Activities**

For this exemption, public utilities are defined as a government-regulated company that provides an essential public service such as water, gas, electricity, or telecommunications. This exemption covers emergency repairs between 1300 (1:00 p.m.) and before 0100 (1:00 a.m.). Emergency repairs are defined as an unplanned outage, an unplanned break in operations of a system, an uncontrolled release of natural gas, fire, explosion, or other situations that endangers life, property, or the integrity of the system and associated components.

Except for emergency situations, all construction, maintenance, and repair of public utilities, including any associated welding/grinding, the use of power tools, the use of acetylene or open flame torches, or the removal of "burners" (tree or limbs in or near the power lines), will follow the timelines established in the Stage II restrictions as per [agency document] Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03.

#### **Conditions and Measures**

Public utilities are hereby authorized the otherwise prohibited activities within their right-of-way per the following conditions and measures.

#### **A. Emergency Conditions**

An emergency is a condition that poses an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service. The following are typical emergencies associated with public utilities:

- Emergency removal of trees or limbs in or near electric power lines that create an immediate hazard to cause a direct impingement on the line or have the potential to start a fire.
- Emergency repair of electric transmission or distribution systems due to a power outage such as a broken wire, blown fuse, etcetera.

- Emergency repair of natural gas transmission or distribution system due to an outage on the system such as an uncontrolled release of natural gas, fire, explosion, etcetera.
- Emergency repair of an unplanned break in operations of a system.
- Emergency repair of telecommunications sites.
- Associated welding/grinding, use of power tools, use of acetylene or other torch with open flame required due to the emergency.

## **B. On-site Measures Required**

- Any work requiring the emergency use of welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open flame, or power tools off a designated road, would require equipment capable of spraying water under pressure with a minimum of 40 psi at the first outlet, with at least a 200-gallon capacity tank, and with a minimum of 200 feet of hose. All reasonable care should be taken to stay on designated roads. Equipment must be within 100 feet of any operations using welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open flame, or power tools.
- The use of a spark shield to surround the entire area is required when welding or grinding.
- One person with communications will be dedicated as a “fire watch” during the above operations, and for one hour after all activity has ceased for the day.
- When power outages occur, the affected line segment will be inspected before being re-energized. Motorized travel off established roads and trails is allowed during the inspection (to detect potential problems that could lead to a fire) of an electric or natural gas segment.

## **C. Vehicle Requirements**

All vehicles will have properly installed, maintained, and effectively working spark arresters and/or an approved muffler and exhaust system (IDAPA 20.04.01.080). In addition to the above requirement, each vehicle will:

- Have one firefighting tool per occupant with a least one tool a # 0 or equivalent shovel or a Pulaski.
- Not be parked or driving over flammable vegetation.
- Have water available at all times.

## **Notification and Communications**

**[Unit protocols for notification and communication when public utilities are conducting emergency work]**

*CONTACT (YOUR LOCAL DISPATCH CENTER) AT (208-###-####) BY 0900 (9:00 A.M.) TO PROVIDE DAILY LOCATIONS OF ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR OF TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OR ANY ASSOCIATED WELDING/GRINDING, OR THE ELIMINATION*

*OF "BURNERS". NOTIFICATIONS OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE  
NO LATER THAN THE NEXT NORMAL BUSINESS DAY.*

**Entry into a Fire Area**

Entry into an active fire area will require the approval of the Incident Commander or the responsible Agency Administrator. Conditions imposed at that time will require a minimum clothing requirement consisting of 8-inch leather boots, gloves, hardhat, and approved fire retardant (i.e., Nomex) clothing, unless exempted by the Incident Commander.

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Agency Administrator/Name and Title (If Signature Block is Required)      Date

## STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS AUTHORIZED EXEMPTION RAILROAD COMPANIES FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY

### Development and Objective

The Stage II Fire Restriction Authorized Exemption was developed as the result of lessons learned in 2000 as well as collaboration with federal and state agencies, industrial specialists, and railroad companies. The objective for allowing activities to occur from 1300 (1:00 p.m.) to 0100 (1:00 a.m.) is emergency in nature only. If mitigation of emergencies is not dealt with in a timely fashion, there is a good probability that the lack of mitigation could lead to a fire start or result in an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service.

### Intent and Administration

The intent of the exemption is to identify emergency conditions and on-site measures required to mitigate those conditions that would otherwise be prohibited under Stage II restriction. As written, the authorized exemption would allow emergency repairs and be noted on each agency's restrictions document. The exemption would remain in effect until the Stage II restriction was rescinded. The terms and conditions would become part of the agency restriction document and would not require the issuance of permits.

### Process

The terms and conditions should not have to be modified. The intent is to ensure that there is consistency across the geographic area and that all operators are treated equally. The Area Fire Restrictions Coordinator will facilitate the distribution of the terms and conditions and work with the Agency Administrator to ensure agencies throughout the restriction area are consistent in their implementation of the exemptions.

The agency issuing the restriction document will establish a protocol for communications and coordination. It is highly encouraged that agencies throughout the restriction area work towards establishing a centralized protocol to lessen the impact on the public utility companies.

The example for vehicles in this exemption was developed according to *Idaho Forest Fire Protection Rules* and with cooperation from Idaho utility companies. When used in other state you must utilize the proper requirements for that state and make sure you reference the proper state law or rule.

Example: Stage 2 Fire Restriction Authorized Exemption- Railroad Companies  
**FOR EMERGENCY WORK ONLY**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Exercise of the privileges granted by this exemption constitutes agreement with and acceptance of all terms and conditions herein. This exemption does not absolve a company of any liability or responsibility for any fires ignited by the company's operations.**

**Area Covered by Exemption**

This exemption only applies to [type of lands] National Forest system lands on the [unit] Payette National Forest. This exemption is only valid under [agency document] Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03 signed on [date] July 6, 2004, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**Scope of Exempted Activities**

This exemption covers emergency repairs between 1300 (1:00 p.m.) and before 0100 (1:00 a.m.). Emergency repairs may need to be conducted due to a derailment, damaged line, signal remediation, telecommunications problem, or other situations that endangers life, property, or the integrity of the system and associated components.

With the exception of emergency situations, all construction, maintenance, and repair of rail lines including any associated welding/grinding (including thermite), the use of power tools, the use of acetylene or open flame torches will follow the timelines established in the Stage II restrictions as per [agency document] Payette Forest Order F14-067-S-03.

**Conditions and Measures**

Railroad companies are hereby authorized the otherwise prohibited activities within their right-of-way per the following conditions and measures.

**A. Emergency Conditions**

An emergency is a condition that poses an immediate threat to life and property, or the disruption of a service. The following are typical emergencies associated with railroads:

- Emergency repair of a rail that has broken or been damaged.
- Emergency remediation of a track buckle caused by extreme heat.
- Emergency cleanup of a derailment.
- Emergency remediation of a railroad signal.
- Rail relay when larger sections of a rail become worn or needs to be replaced.
- Emergency repair of telecommunications sites.
- Associated welding/grinding, use of power tools, acetylene, or other torch with open flame due to the emergency situation.

## **B. On-site Measures Required**

- Any work requiring the emergency use of welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open flame, or power tools off a designated road, would require a pumper capable of spraying water under pressure with a minimum of 40 psi at the first outlet, with at least an 80-gallon capacity tank, and with a minimum of 200 feet of hose. All reasonable care should be taken to stay on designated roads.
- Pumper equipment must be within 100 feet of any operations using welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open flame, or power tools.
- The use of a spark shield to surround the entire area is required when welding or grinding.
- Any work relating to rail relay activity off a designated road, would require a pumper capable of spraying water under pressure with a minimum of 50 psi at the first outlet, with at a least a 600-gallon on site capacity, and with a minimum of 400 feet of hose on site.
- One person with communications will be dedicated as a “fire watch” during the above operations, and for two hours after all activity has ceased for the day.
- Motorized travel off established roads and trails is allowed during the inspection (to detect potential problems that could lead to a fire) of a rail line segment or repair of a telecommunications site.

## **C. Vehicle Requirements**

All vehicles will have properly installed, maintained, and effectively working spark arresters and/or an approved muffler and exhaust system (IDAPA 20.04.01.080). In addition to the above requirement, each vehicle will:

- Have one firefighting tool per occupant with a least one tool a # 0 or equivalent shovel or a Pulaski.
- Not be parked or driving over flammable vegetation.
- Have water available at all times.

## **Notification and Communications**

**Unit protocols for notification and communication when public utilities are conducting emergency work.**

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# APPENDIX 12: FIRE RESTRICTION AREA CRITERIA EVALUATION FORM

## Criteria #1: 1000-hour fuel moisture is 12% or less:

NFDRS RAWS or Observation Site	1,000-hour time lag FM
RAWS (Ave low 12%, 90th=11%, min 8%)	
RAWS (Ave low 7%, 90th=6%, min 5%)	
RAWS (Ave low 7%, 90th=6%, min 5%)	
RAWS (Ave low 9%, 90th=8%, min 6%)	
Skihill RAWS (Ave low 9%, 90th=8%, min 6%)	
<i>Does this criterion meet the condition?</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>	

## Criteria #2: 3 Day Mean ERC at 90 percentile:

NFDRS RAWS	3-day ERC average
RAWS (Ave high 56%, 90th=62%, 97th=71%)	
RAWS (Ave high 19%, 90th=22%, 97th=23%)	
RAWS (Ave high 17%, 90th=20%, 97th=22%)	
RAWS (Ave high 33%, 90th=44%, 97th=48%)	
RAWS (Ave high 49%, 90th=76%, 97th=82%)	
<i>Does this criterion meet the condition?</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>	

## Criteria #3: Live fuel moisture less than 75%

Observation Site	Live Fuel Moisture, ID species
<i>Does this criterion meet the condition?</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>	

## Criteria #4: Fire Danger Adjective class listed at **Very High** or **Extreme** (Actual, not adjusted)

Adjective Rating	Adjective Rating
<i>Does this criterion meet the condition?</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>	

## Criteria #5: Area is receiving high occurrence of human caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.

<i>Discussion:</i>
<i>Does this criterion meet the condition?</i>
<i>Comments:</i>

**Criteria #6: Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.**

<i>Discussion:</i>
<i>Does this criterion meet the condition?</i>
<i>Comments:</i>