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Comment:
To whom it may concern,

Idaho Firewise is a non-profit organization that coordinates, supports, and promotes wildland fire education to broaden the understanding of wildfire's role in ecosystems, and equips and motivates those who live in or visit Idaho to reduce loss from wildfire.

We support the collaborative, interagency development of the Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan (https://www.idl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/06/IDAHO-FIRE-RESTRICTIONS-PLAN-2023.FINAL_.pdf) each year. This plan is an interagency document that outlines coordination efforts for implementing 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.

The purpose of implementing 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 reasonable limitations on recreational use of public lands for all visitors.

Upon reviewing the draft of IDAPA 20.05.01 – RULES PERTAINING TO THE RECREATIONAL USE OF ENDOWMENT LAND, we noticed that the draft rule does not contain a provision that requires visitors to comply with fire restrictions. We feel this puts the resources located on these lands at risk and creates the potential for users of endowment lands to place neighboring lands at an increased risk of human-caused wildfires. We recommend that IDAPA 20.05.01 include the following provision to incorporate by reference the Idaho Fire Restriction Plan and to consider issuing warnings or citations to those who engage in prohibited acts during Stage 1 and Stage 2 restrictions.

020. REGULATED USES OF ENDOWMENT LAND.

07. Fire Restrictions. Prohibited acts enumerated in the annual Idaho Fire Restrictions Plan for Stage 1 and Stage 2 fire restrictions apply to endowment land.

Sincerely,
Ivy Dickinson
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