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MANY FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

A few days of chilly, wet weather has allowed the Oregon Department of Forestry to remove fire-prevention restrictions on power equipment use, off-road driving and other measures effective today. This action affects lands protected by ODF's Southwest Oregon District in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The fire danger level remains "high" (yellow) and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is I (one).

Here are the public regulated use restrictions now in place:

- Campfires are allowed only in designated campgrounds. Portable stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed in other locations.
- All debris burning, including debris burned in a burn barrel, is prohibited.
- Fireworks use on forestlands is prohibited.

Information about fire season restrictions on ODF-protected lands is available online at

www.swofire.oregon.gov, and at ODF Southwest Oregon District unit offices:

- Medford Unit, 5286 Table Rock Rd.; (541) 664-3328
- Grants Pass Unit, 5375 Monument Dr.; (541) 474-3152

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