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Fremont-Winema National Forests
Lakeview District BLM
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*USDA's Fremont-Winema National Forests
(Includes Bly, Chemult, Chiloquin, Klamath, Lakeview, Paisley, and Silver Lake Ranger Districts)
USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District
(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)*

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Industrial Fire Precaution Level Rises

Klamath Falls, Oregon - Due to continued warm weather and low humidity levels, fire officials are compelled to elevate the **Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) to II**. This change will be in effect on Wednesday, September 24, 2003.

This IFPL applies to public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's Lakeview District (Lakeview Resource Area and Klamath Falls Resource Area in the Gerber Block) and the Forest Service's Fremont-Winema National Forests (Bly, Chemult, Chiloquin, Klamath, Lakeview, Paisley and Silver Lake Ranger Districts).

Under IFPL II, firewood cutters on National Forest Lands, and BLM Lands east of Hwy 97, may operate power saws until 1:00 P.M. daily, and must remain at the cutting site to watch for fires at least one-hour after saws are shut off. At the site, at least an 8-ounce capacity fire extinguisher and a long handled shovel are required. Power saws must be equipped with an approved spark arrestor screen. Similar restrictions apply to industrial operations as well.

Public Lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) are required to have a 3-hour fire watch as required by State Law. For fire restrictions on BLM lands west of the Gerber Block under ODF protection, contact your local ODF office at 541-883-5681.

For more information about fire regulations, contact your local Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management office. You can also log on to www.fs.fed.us/r6/scofmp/lifc.html or <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/kfifc/>.

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