

Fire Update

Payette Interagency Dispatch

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Land Management Agencies lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in most zones of the Payette Fire Restriction Area

McCall, Idaho – With cooler temperatures and chances of precipitation increasing into next week, local land management agencies will lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in the Payette West, Payette East, and Long Valley/Meadows Valley Zones of the Payette Fire Restriction Area beginning Friday, September 15, 2017. The Fire Restrictions are rescinded by agencies managing state, private and public lands in the area, including the United States Forest Service (USFS), Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association (SITPA), and the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). Restrictions were terminated in the Weiser River Zone of the Payette Fire Restriction Area on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

The Little Salmon Zone of the Payette Fire Restriction Area **remains in Stage 1** fire restrictions until further notice. See map below for location.

The restrictions were put into effect on August 11 when fire danger and burning conditions were unusually high. Recent storms have brought some moisture with much cooler temperatures to the area, and with the days getting shorter fire conditions have moderated. Forest visitors are reminded that vegetation is still dry and to be careful with all use of fire in the outdoors. The accidental start of a wildfire can still be devastating. Be alert and be aware. Follow these tips to help prevent wildfire:

- NEVER leave a camp fire unattended
- Keep water, dirt and a shovel near your fire at all times
- Make sure your fire is dead out and cold to the touch before you leave it
- Use of fireworks, exploding targets or tracer rounds is prohibited on public lands

Area closures due to active wildfires are still in effect on some public lands, including the area affected by the Highline Fire on the Payette National Forest. Contact the land management agency for your area of interest for specific information regarding fire closures.

Fire restrictions may be lifted but burn bans may still be in place in some areas. Fire restrictions and burn bans address different types of activities. Burn bans pertain to controlled burning activities such as debris burning, slash burning, or agricultural burning, for which a fire safety burn permit from IDL is required. Visit <http://burnpermits.idaho.gov/> for more information.

