



Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District *"Protecting Life and Property through Quality Service"*

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NORTHWEST FIRE AGENCIES IMPOSE RECREATIONAL BURNING CLOSURE TO HELP PREVENT SUMMER WILDFIRES

Effective immediately, the Northwest Fire Agencies—including the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District, Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District, and Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District—are implementing a ban on all recreational burning. The agencies will also follow the regulated-use closures established by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the public use restrictions implemented by Central Oregon Fire Management Service to help prevent human-caused wildfires.

The burn ban will remain in effect until further notice and applies throughout the Sisters-Camp Sherman, Cloverdale, and Black Butte Ranch Fire Districts.

All open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, and fires used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) or other bottled fuels are exempt from this prohibition.

With multiple fire resources committed to the Akawa Butte Fire, Red Flag conditions affecting much of the region, and hot, dry weather expected to persist over the coming weeks, firefighters will remain heavily engaged in responding to new wildfire starts and suppressing the Akawa Butte Fire. Human-caused wildfires resulting from carelessness or negligence place unnecessary demands on limited emergency resources and increase the risk to firefighters, our communities, natural resources, visitors, and neighboring private lands.

The Northwest Fire Agencies urge all residents and visitors to remain vigilant, comply with all fire restrictions, and do their part to help prevent wildfires during this period of elevated fire danger.

Oregon Department of Forestry: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx>

USFS Deschutes National Forest: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/deschutes/fire/info/public-use-fire-restrictions>

Deschutes County: <https://www.deschutescounty.gov/m/NewsFlash/Home/Detail/254>

Jefferson County: <https://www.jeffersoncountyor.gov/ps/page/outdoor-burning-regulations-and-permit>

Residents and visitors can contact their local fire protection agencies for additional burning information and regulations. Northwest Fire Agencies will continue to monitor weather and fuel moisture conditions in their district and may make modifications on a day-to-day basis. Please call your local fire agency for more information. Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District: 541-595-2288, Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District: 541-389-2345, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District: 541-549-0771.

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