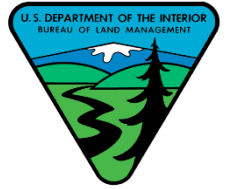




# Washington County 4-H Wagon Train Fire Safety



Humans accounted for nearly 90 percent of all wildfires from 1992 to 2017. As our cities and towns push into wilderness, and as we escape on public lands to disconnect, it is essential that we take our role in preventing fires more seriously. If 90 percent of fires are caused by humans, it means 90 percent of fires are preventable by humans. We can each do our part in our outdoor recreation pursuits by following these fire safety practices as they relate to Wagon Train.

**Prepare** – “Regulated Use” normally goes into effect mid-July but can vary based on weather and location within the State. Regulated Use is the universal multi agency fire safety rules for recreating when fire season begins. Agencies can vary on their enforcement whether being active (patrols, check points, inspections, etc.) or passive (signage). It is ultimately the visitor’s responsibility to know and follow before they go. Regulated use does not affect where people can go but it does affect what we can do. Areas will often be marked with signs along the route to your destination. There are specific conditions that change with each level of fire danger on the placard. Familiarize yourself with the restrictions and watch the weather prior to traveling.



### We are affected in the following ways:

All wheeled vehicles traveling off State highways or County roads are required to carry basic firefighting equipment. Leadership will provide instructions if this is necessary while traveling to Staging or for your guests arriving at Layover. This is always necessary for your vehicle if you are operating it as part of support. While at staging, layover, or as part of support duties, care must be taken as to not drive or park your vehicle in tall grass. Each source of ignition such as the campfire, wash line, generators, and cook shack will have a dedicated shovel and extinguisher or water bucket assigned to it. As part of horse watch duties, these areas shall be monitored at night as well for possible flare ups. Smoking can only take place inside a vehicle. These restrictions will change as Fire Danger increases. Access and campfires may not be permitted at all during “Red Flag” (severe) conditions.

If a campfire is allowed or permitted it must be:

- In an established fire ring/pit
- No materials added that will produce flying burning debris, or removed that are burning (poker sticks)
- 3’ or more of combustibles removed from around fire ring
- Overhead free from combustibles
- Attended to while burning
- No wood added after lights out
- Within a reasonable size, no bonfires
- Fire making activities will take place in fire pit
- Properly doused when we are leaving camp

Individual and groups can be held responsible for firefighting expenses and property damages incurred if found negligent during fire season. Warnings and citations can also be issued when found in violation of Regulation Use rules.



*Drown*



*Stir*



*Feel*

Is your fire  
**Dead Out?**  
Only you can  
prevent wildfires.



## FIRE DANGER LEVEL

PUBLIC REGULATED USE RESTRICTION	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
<b>Smoking is Prohibited</b> while traveling in forestlands, except in vehicles on improved road, in boats on the water, and other designated areas	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times
<b>Burning of debris</b> Whether in burn piles, or burn barrels.	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times
<b>Campfires, including charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are restricted.</b> Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.	Allowed with landowner approval	Only at Designated Locations	Only At Designated Locations	Not Allowed
<b>Powersaw use is Restricted.</b> When allowed each saw being used must have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
<b>Cutting, Grinding, and Welding of Metal is restricted</b> to areas that are cleared of flammable materials and have either a charged hose or 2.5 lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
<b>Mowing of Dried, Cured Grass is restricted.</b> The cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
<b>Motor Vehicles</b> , including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on <b>improved</b> roads free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day
<b>Motor Vehicles</b> , including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are restricted on <b>unimproved</b> roads, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
<b>Firefighting Equipment is Required</b> while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel, one axe or pulaski, and one gallon of water or a 2.5 lb. ABC or larger fire extinguisher.	Required at All Times	Required at All Times	Required at All Times	Required at All Times
<b>Use of Fireworks is Prohibited</b>	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times
<b>Use of any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine not mentioned.</b> When able, activities should be conducted in a cleared area* that has a charged garden hose, or one 2.5 pound or larger fire extinguisher available.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
<b>Sky Lanterns and Target Practice</b> with tracer rounds or exploding targets is prohibited.	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times

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