

NOTICE OF STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Bureau of Land Management, Idaho

Wildfire danger is very high in south central Idaho. Therefore, pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9200, subpart 9212.2 and 423.3 (d), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Twin Falls District Manager has instituted **Stage I Fire Restrictions on the Twin Falls District. Those areas include public lands administered by the BLM and Bureau of Reclamation:**

Southern Idaho Fire Restrictions Area:

Sawtooth Zone: All BLM Twin Falls District lands north of Highway 20 to the northern most Sawtooth National Forest boundary. From Hill City east to the Craters of the Moon National Monument Park Visitor Center.

Three Creek Zone: All BLM Twin Falls District and Idaho State lands south of I-84 south to Idaho/Nevada border; west of Highway 93 to the Bruneau Canyon.

Shoshone Zone: All BLM Twin Falls District and Idaho State lands north of I-84 to Highway 20. From King Hill east to Massacre Rocks State Park.

Cassia Zone: All BLM Twin Falls District, Idaho State lands and Sawtooth National Forest lands from I-84/I-86 south of Idaho/Utah/Nevada border. East of Highway 93 to the Cassia County/Onieda County line.

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

The following acts are prohibited on the public land, roads, and trails described herein:

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These restrictions shall be in full force and effect starting at **00:01, August 7, 2026** and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2026.

Codie Martin
Twin Falls District Manager (acting)

Violation of the above prohibited acts is punishable by fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months (Title 18 USC 1856, Title 43 USC 1701, Title 43 USC 12.4, and/or appropriate State laws).

Stage 1 Fire Restriction Definitions

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Supervisors, and BLM District Managers. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Idaho Department of Lands Director.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by land management agencies.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trailhead.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire provided by the agency or campground owner. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined below.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle propelled by an internal

combustion engine.

OWNER PROVIDED STRUCTURE – A permanent fire ring/structure that is installed and maintained by the agency having administrative control or the individual who has ownership rights of the property.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize anotherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, outfitted with a chimney of at least 5 feet in length, employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch (for the purposes of Stage II Restrictions, stove fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels are within exemption #2, and do not require a chimney or spark arrester).