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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions ordered for eastern Idaho

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As the threat of wildfire danger continues to increase, state and federal land management agencies will **implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on lands within eastern Idaho** effective August 07, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. Fire restrictions are intended to decrease the chance of any preventable fires in the designated areas.

Stage 1 fire restrictions will be in place on federal, state and private forest and rangelands, roads, and trails, situated in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Power, Oneida, and Teton counties.

These restrictions are being implemented by agencies managing or providing wildland fire protection, which include the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Bureau of Land Management Idaho Falls District, Fort Hall Agency BIA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). The following Zones are going into restrictions:

Big Desert Zone, Caribou Zone, Centennial Zone

Under the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, the following acts are prohibited on state and federally managed or protected lands, roads, and trails:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire **except** within a designated recreation site and in a permanent concrete or metal fire ring, or on private land, and only within an owner-provided structure.

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

The following are exemptions to the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- Other exemptions unique to each agency.

With the fire season well underway, these restrictions are intended to keep visitors to public lands safe as well as prevent dangerous and damaging wildfires. If you are planning a visit to public lands in these areas, please check with the Sawtooth Ranger District offices [https:// www.fs.usda.gov/r04/caribou-targhee](https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/caribou-targhee), the BLM Idaho Falls District BLM <https://www.blm.gov/idaho> or the [Idaho Department of Lands Fire Restrictions Finder](#).

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