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Fireworks and Exploding Targets Ban

Portland, Ore. – As we approach Memorial Day, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service want to remind everyone that the use of fireworks and exploding targets is prohibited on all BLM-managed public lands and U.S. National Forests throughout Oregon and Washington.

So far this year we've already seen 288 fires that have burned over 1,500 acres. In recent years we've had longer fire seasons and fires are burning hotter and longer fueling the costs of fire suppression.

Those who ignite fireworks or exploding targets on BLM-managed lands can be fined up to \$1,000, receive a prison term of up to one year, or both. In addition, individuals responsible for starting wildland fires on federal lands can be billed for the cost of fire suppression.

The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service cooperates with the <u>Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating</u> <u>Group</u> to fight wildland fires in the Pacific Northwest. The <u>Geographic Area Coordination Center</u> offers updates on the fire potential regionally and nationally and the <u>NW Coordination Center</u> provides updates in the Pacific Northwest.

To keep up on the latest fire news in the Pacific Northwest be sure to tune in to the weekly **Wildland Fire Minute**: <u>http://blm.gov/ksmd</u>





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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pursuant to 43 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 9212.1(h), the following acts are prohibited on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and Washington beginning on midnight, May 27, 2016, and continuing to midnight, October 14, 2016:

Igniting, possession, or use of fireworks. This prohibition includes target shooting with exploding targets.

On public lands, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. (United States Code) 1733(a) and 43 CFR 9212.4, any person who violates this fire prevention order may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for up to one year, or both. Such violation may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

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