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Central Oregon Fire Management Service Update – July 1, 2026

COFMS calls for extra caution to prevent human-caused wildfires over Holiday weekend

Central Oregon—As Central Oregon heads into the Fourth of July weekend, Central Oregon Fire officials are asking everyone to take extra caution to prevent human-caused wildfires. Hot, dry summer conditions mean that even a small spark can lead to significant fire activity.

Across the region, wildland firefighters continue to see preventable fires, many of which start from fireworks, abandoned or improperly extinguished campfires, and roadside ignitions.

“We’ve seen fewer wildfire ignitions so far this year, and we believe the fire restrictions and the public’s increased awareness have played a meaningful role in that progress. COFMS continues working tirelessly to provide up-to-date fire conditions and guidance. As we head into the holiday weekend, we’re asking everyone to stay vigilant, make safe choices, and help protect Central Oregon’s public lands.” said James Osborne, U.S. Wildland Fire Service Unit Fire Chief.

Fireworks are never allowed on federal lands

Individuals responsible for starting wildfires face severe penalties including fines, imprisonment and liability for all suppression costs.

Know and follow fire restrictions

Only designated campgrounds allow campfires at this time. Before traveling or recreating, visit [Wildfire Updates | Air Quality | Central Oregon Fire Information](#) for current fire restriction information.

Practice campfire safety where campfires are permitted

Campfires that are buried with dirt and not fully extinguished can rekindle days later, sparking a wildfire. If a campfire is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave.

Campfire safety tips for designated campgrounds

- Drown, stir, and repeat until it is cold to the touch.
- Use designated fire rings where permitted.
- Keep water and a shovel nearby.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.

Prevent Roadside Starts

- Secure tow chains so they cannot drag or spark.
- Don't park or idle vehicles over dry grass; hot exhaust systems can ignite vegetation.
- Check tire pressure and ensure equipment isn't running hot.

Report Smoke or Fire Immediately

If you see smoke, flames, or an unattended fire, call 911 right away.

Central Oregon Fire Officials thank the public for helping protect Central Oregon's public lands, communities, and firefighters during one of the busiest weekends of the year.

Visit the official source for wildfire information in Central Oregon at centraloregonfire.org for wildfire updates or follow fire information on X/Twitter @CentralORfire. Call 9-1-1 to report a wildfire. For smoke and air quality information visit fire.airnow.gov.

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