



# Malheur National Forest

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## **MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST LIFTS PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS**

JOHN DAY, OR – Recent rain and cooler temperatures throughout Eastern Oregon prompted fire managers to lift public use restrictions applying to campfires, driving vehicles off-road, and smoking on the Malheur National Forest. The restrictions will be lifted at noon on Friday, September 20, 2002.

“Since the fire danger is still high in many areas of the forest, hunters and other forest users are asked to use caution when building campfires and warming fires and to make sure their campfire is dead out before leaving camp,” said Rob Batten, Deputy Fire Management Officer for the Malheur National Forest.

Firewood cutters are reminded to follow the one-hour fire watch after shutting down the chainsaw. This is a requirement on the fuelwood cutting permit.

For more information call the Malheur National Forest, 541-575-3000.