



Vehicles and Outdoors: A Flammable Combination

Did you know that your vehicle exhaust system could start a devastating wildfire that can destroy homes and natural resources? Please keep this in mind while enjoying the outdoors. Fire conditions in the northwest are extreme and expected to last through October.

You can help prevent destructive fires by following some simple guidelines.

- Follow all public-use restrictions and access closures. It is important to check with local agencies about any closures before going to the outdoors. Check www.or.blm.gov/nwfire before you go. This website contains Oregon and Washington closures on public lands, public-use restrictions and fire prevention information.
- Keep vehicles off dry grass. Exhaust systems can heat up to over 1,000 degrees and ignite adjacent grasses and shrubs.
- Check your spark arrester. Before heading outdoors, clean the spark arrester on any recreational vehicles to reduce the chance of a spark starting a wildfire.
- Be prepared. Carry a shovel and fire extinguisher in your vehicle and ATV.

We can all make a difference in reducing human-caused fires during this season of high fire danger.

For additional information, contact your local fire protection agency or visit www.or.blm.gov/nwfire.

I'm concerned about WILDFIRE!