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FROM: KENNETH BORCHERT, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 FIRE SEASON – CHANGE IN IFPL LEVELS AND LIFTING OF THE BURN BAN

Effective **2400 on October 21, 2025**, the Warm Springs Indian Reservation will update Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) as shown below. All regulations governing any timber industry or other outside activities will be enforced.

As fire danger decreases during the declared season the restrictions will follow the regulations covered by the National Fire Danger Rating System, IFPL's and Warm Springs Mobilization and Dispatch plan.

As of **2400 on October 21, 2025**, the Warm Springs Reservation will go into the following Industrial Fire Precautions:

Zone 1 – IFPL Level 1 (was level 2)
Zone 2 – IFPL Level 0 (was level 1)
Zone 3 – IFPL Level 0 (was level 1)

Temperatures are predicted to continue to moderate for much of the Northwest in the weeks ahead with fire danger reducing since we are now in the fall season. Cooler temperatures and increased humidity levels will reduce fire danger over the next month until fire season ultimately ends. The Warm Springs Indian Reservation fire danger rating is moving to low.

Public Use Restrictions – Burn ban, cooking outdoors with BBQ and no open fires (campgrounds, residential).

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels

Level I - Fire precaution requirements are in effect. A Fire Watch/Security is required at this and all higher levels unless otherwise waived.

Level II - Partial Hootowl The following may operate only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. local time:

- Power saws except at loading sites
- Cable yarding
- Blasting
- Welding or cutting of metal

Level III - Partial Shutdown The following are prohibited except as indicated:

- Cable yarding - except that gravity operated logging systems employing nonmotorized carriages may operate between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers.
- Power saws - except power saws may be used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time.

In addition, the following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. local time.

- Tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders, or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fire line are immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start.
- Mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material
- Blasting
- Welding or cutting of metal
- Any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

Level IV - General Shutdown - All operations are prohibited.

Fire Watch requirements WSA

IFPL 1 (1 hour)

IFPL 2 (2 hour)

IFPL 3 (3 hour)

IFPL 4 (complete shutdown 24 hours)