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## MEMORANDUM

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DATE: JULY 3, 2025

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

Effective **2400 on July 3, 2024**, the Warm Springs Indian Reservation will update all Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) as shown below. All regulations governing any timber industry or other outside activities will be enforced.

As fire danger increases 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 July 3, 2024**, the Warm Springs Reservation will go into the following Industrial Fire Precautions:

Zone 1 – IFPL Level 3  
Zone 2 – IFPL Level 1  
Zone 3 – IFPL Level 1

High temperatures are predicted for much of the Northwest in the weeks and months ahead with high fire danger as the summer season progresses. Little precipitation is expected over the next few months and fire activity in June began increasing as witnessed by several small fires and the Sunny Side Fire which burned approximately 750 acres. The Warm Springs Indian Reservation fire danger rating is moving to Very High.

**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)**