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# News Release

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## **Land management agencies to lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in southwest Idaho**

BOISE, Idaho - With cooler temperatures lowering the threat of wildfires, state and federal land management agencies will lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on all lands within southwest Idaho effective Sept. 21, 2018 beginning at 12:01 a.m.

The Stage 1 fire restrictions will be lifted in the Treasure Valley, West Central Mountains, Snake/Weiser River, and Owyhee Mountains of Idaho, which includes all federal, state and private forestland and rangeland in:

- Ada, Adams, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Elmore, Boise, Valley, Washington and Owyhee Counties
- Within Washington County, all Bureau of Reclamation lands surrounding Mann Creek Reservoir
- Within Valley County, all Bureau of Reclamation lands surrounding Lake Cascade
- Within Elmore and Boise counties, all Bureau of Reclamation lands surrounding Arrowrock and Anderson Ranch reservoirs

These restrictions are being lifted by agencies managing or providing wildland fire protection, including the U.S Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). Fire managers divide Idaho into zones and fire restrictions will be lifted in the following zones:

### **Snake/Weiser River Zone:**

- All state, private and BLM lands east of the Snake River, north and west of Highway 95 to the Little Weiser River, and north of the Little Weiser River to the Payette NF boundary. The boundary then follows the Payette NF boundary back to the Snake River.

### **Treasure Valley Fire Restrictions Zone**

- All of Ada, Canyon, Gem, Payette and Washington counties. Portions of Boise County including the administrative boundary of Lucky Peak Lake to Arrowrock Dam, south shore of Arrowrock Reservoir and that portion of Elmore County that lies south of the South Fork Boise River to

Anderson Ranch Dam, south along Anderson Dam Road (FS Rd 134) to Highway 20, east on Highway 20 to the Elmore/Gooding County line south to Interstate 84. The Treasure Valley Restriction area is bounded by the Idaho/Oregon boundary to Oreana then follows the Bachman Grade to Triangle and continues east-northeast of the Owyhee Front to the Bruneau River. The northern boundary begins near Weiser, Idaho and follows Highway 95 to Indian Valley, then generally follows the Little Weiser River to the Payette and Boise National Forest boundary lines.

### **West Central Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone**

- Boise National Forest, Boise District BLM and State and Endowment Lands within Elmore County, Boise County, and Valley County to include all Bureau of Reclamation lands surrounding Lake Cascade. From the point where the Boise National Forest boundary intersects State Highway 20 near Dixie following the Boise National Forest boundary west and north along the ridge of the Danskin to Boise Front foothills and extending north encompassing the Idaho Department of Lands to its intersection back with the Boise National Forest boundary near Sage Hen Reservoir. The far northern boundary includes all Boise National Forest lands, excluding the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. All lands north of Sage Hen Reservoir including Tripod Mountain and West Mountain within the North Fork Payette River drainage north to near Tamarack Resort.

### **Owyhee Fire Restrictions Zone**

- All of Owyhee County west of the Bruneau Canyon.

Fire managers are asking the public to continue to be extra cautious when spending time in the outdoors. As a reminder, fireworks are prohibited on state and private forestland and rangeland during closed fire season (May 10 through Oct. 20), and on public lands, roads and trails in Idaho all times of the year.

Controlled burning restrictions may be in place due to air quality through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Information about DEQ burn bans is available here: <http://deq.idaho.gov/air-quality.aspx>. The IDL fire safety burn permit is required during closed fire season, and local burn permits may be as well. To obtain permits for controlled burning activities, visit: <http://burnpermits.idaho.gov/>

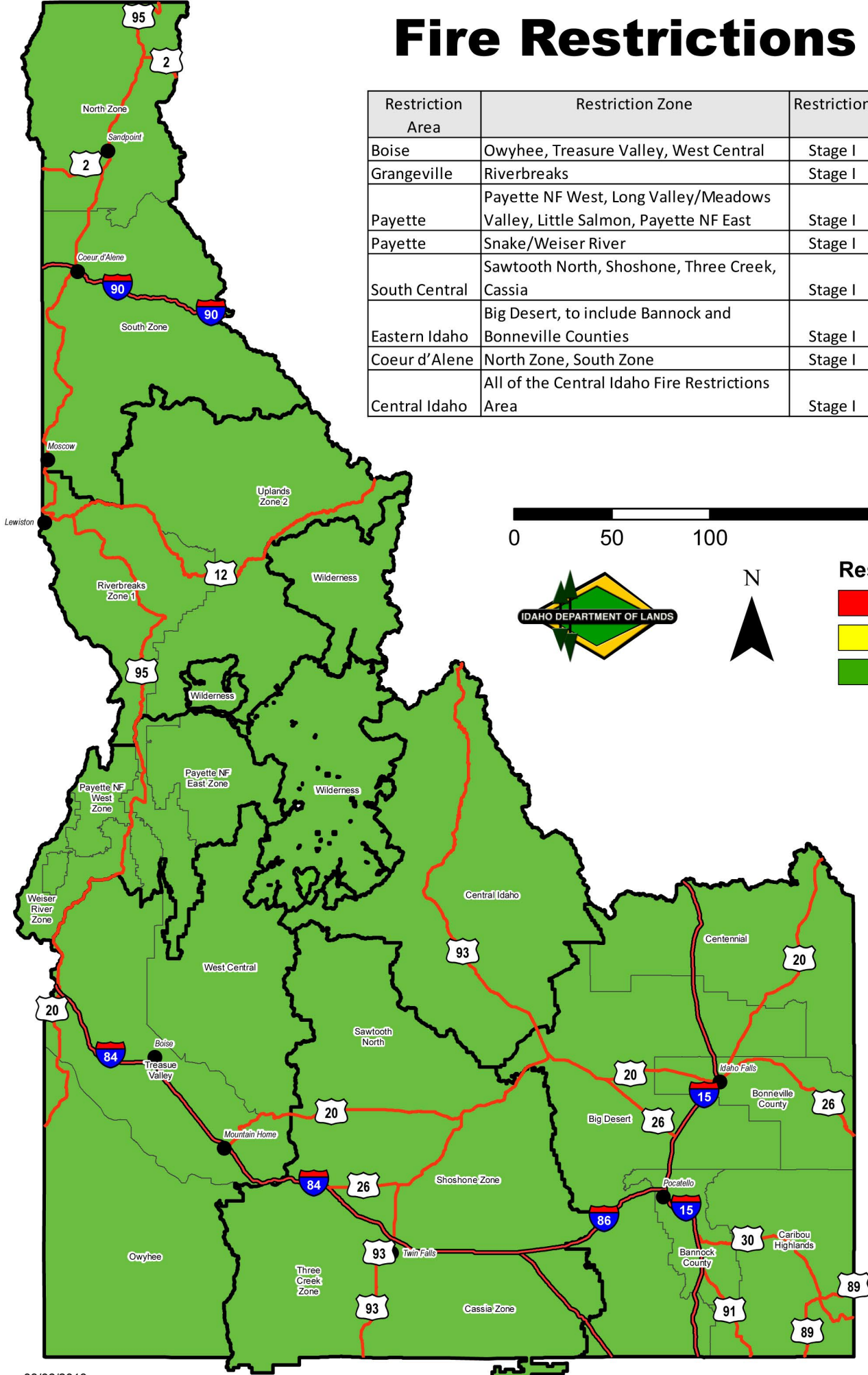
For more information about fire restrictions and to view an interactive map, visit [www.idahofireinfo.com](http://www.idahofireinfo.com)

If you are planning a visit to public lands in these areas, please check with the Boise National Forest ([www.fs.usda.gov/boise](http://www.fs.usda.gov/boise)), the BLM Idaho ([www.blm.gov/idaho](http://www.blm.gov/idaho)), or the Idaho Department of Lands ([www.idl.idaho.gov](http://www.idl.idaho.gov)) websites for the latest information or visit [www.idahofireinfo.com](http://www.idahofireinfo.com) .

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# Fire Restrictions 2018

Restriction Area	Restriction Zone	Restriction	Date Enacted	Date Rescinded
Boise	Owyhee, Treasure Valley, West Central	Stage I	3-Aug-18	21-Sep-18
Grangeville	Riverbreaks	Stage I	3-Aug-18	31-Aug-18
Payette	Payette NF West, Long Valley/Meadows Valley, Little Salmon, Payette NF East	Stage I	3-Aug-18	31-Aug-18
Payette	Snake/Weiser River	Stage I	3-Aug-18	21-Sep-18
South Central	Sawtooth North, Shoshone, Three Creek, Cassia	Stage I	3-Aug-18	15-Sep-18
Eastern Idaho	Big Desert, to include Bannock and Bonneville Counties	Stage I	6-Aug-18	31-Aug-18
Coeur d'Alene	North Zone, South Zone	Stage I	10-Aug-18	31-Aug-18
Central Idaho	All of the Central Idaho Fire Restrictions Area	Stage I	11-Aug-18	31-Aug-18



**Restriction Stage**

- Stage II
- Stage I
- No Restrictions