Interagency Fire Management Team announces fire restrictions on public lands

ELKO, Nev. - Seasonal drying conditions, increasing daytime temperatures and a number of human-caused fires have prompted the implementation of fire restrictions on Sunday, July 1, 2012, at 12:01 a.m., and lasting until further notice by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko District Office, the Jarbidge, Mountain City and Ruby Mountains Ranger Districts of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; Nevada Division of Forestry Protection Districts in Northeastern Nevada; and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Prohibited Activities on Federal and State administered lands:

- Campfires, Wood Stoves or Briquette Fires Not Allowed, except in developed recreation sites. Liquefied and bottle gas stoves and heaters may be used.
- No Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable material for three feet in every direction.
- Explosives, using or causing to be used, any explosive, except by permit.
- Fireworks, possession or use of fireworks (always prohibited), or any other incendiary device.
- Ammunition, use of tracer rounds, steel-core ammunition or any type of exploding targets including Binary Explosive Targets while recreational shooting.
- Open burning (e.g. weeds, brush and yard debris).

Discouraged Activities:

- Use of Chainsaws, Generators, or other Internal Combustion Engines, except in a developed recreation site and then only in an area that has been cleared, at least 10 feet in diameter, of all flammable material. When using a chainsaw, you must have a shovel and minimum 2.5-pound fire extinguisher nearby. Electrical generators may be used when factory installed in a recreational vehicle.
- Travel Off Developed Roads and Trails, except for the purpose of going to and from a campsite located within 300 feet of the open developed road.
So far this fire season, many fires in this region have been human caused. Remember to check the undercarriage of your vehicle for debris after stopping the vehicle. Carry a shovel and water with you while traveling.

For more information on public-use restrictions, contact your local Forest Service office at (775) 738-5171; Nevada Division of Forestry at (775) 738-3454; or BLM Elko District Office at (775) 753-0200.

To report a Wildland Fire, call (775) 748-4000 or 911