

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation



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Increased fire dangers prompt restrictions on reservation lands

MISSION – Due to current weather conditions and ever-increasing fire danger, the Umatilla Tribal Fire Department (UTFD) has implemented the following public use restrictions on all lands within the Umatilla Indian Reservation:

- All open fires are prohibited, including agricultural burns, campfires, cooking pits and warming fires. Ceremonial burns are not prohibited but will need prior UTFD approval, dependent on fire resources and weather conditions.
- All fireworks are prohibited.
- Use of exploding targets and tracers is prohibited. Caution should be used when shooting full metal jacket ammunition because of potential spark on solid surfaces.
- Use of off-road vehicles on dry grass areas is prohibited.
- Non-industrial cutting, grinding and welding in dry grass areas is prohibited. Industrial use requires firefighting type equipment: water tank with pump, portable fire extinguisher and hand tools.
- Non-industrial/agricultural mowing of dried cured grass is prohibited with brush hog type equipment.
- Non-industrial chainsaw use in forested and dry grass lands is prohibited. Electric chainsaws are allowed.

For questions regarding public use restrictions, call the UTFD at 541-276-2126 or email UTFD Chief James Hall at jameshall@ctuir.org.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes, and formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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