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Summary:

The Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA) will implement Public Use Restrictions on July 1st, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. These fire prevention measures will be in place on all 1.6 million acres of private, county, state, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs lands protected by DFPA.

While the Public Use Restrictions do not prohibit public access to the forest, they do restrict certain fire prone activities which are known to start wildfires. Under DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, the following provisions are set to help prevent wildfires:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated locations.
- Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at designated sites. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.
- The use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on improved roads that are free of flammable vegetation, except for the culture and harvest of agricultural crops. In addition, each vehicle traveling on forest roads must have a shovel and one gallon of water or one operational 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher. All-terrain vehicles and motorcycles must be equipped with one operational 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.
- Any electric fence controller in use shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services and be operated in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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The official fire danger for the Douglas District can be found online at www.dfpa.net or by calling DFPA's 24 hour information line at (541) 672-0379 and applies to the following restrictions.

- The use of non-industrial power saws are allowed all day during **LOW** fire danger. This activity is permitted before 1:00 p.m. or after 8:00 p.m. during **MODERATE** fire danger and before 10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. during **HIGH** fire danger. During **Extreme** fire danger, non-industrial power saw use is prohibited. Each power saw is required to have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. In addition, a fire watch is required for at least one hour following the use of each saw.
- The cutting, grinding or welding of metal is allowed all day during **LOW** fire danger. This activity is permitted before 1:00 p.m. or after 8:00 p.m. during **MODERATE** fire danger and before 10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. during **HIGH** fire danger. During **EXTREME** fire danger, the cutting, grinding or welding of metal is prohibited. These activities can only be conducted in a cleared area, free of flammable vegetation and a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher must be immediately available.
- The cutting, trimming or mowing of dried, cured grass is allowed all day during **LOW** fire danger. This activity is permitted before 1:00 p.m. or after 8:00 p.m. during **MODERATE** fire danger and before 10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. during **HIGH** fire danger. During **Extreme** fire danger, the cutting, trimming or mowing of dry grass is prohibited. The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.

In addition to DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, the use of exploding targets and tracer ammunition are prohibited during fire season and sky lanterns are prohibited year-round. DFPA and the Sutherlin Department of Public Safety, Fire Services, will also be implementing a burn ban on all backyard debris burning, effective July 1st which includes debris piles and burn barrels.

For more information about DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, call DFPA's 24 hour information line at (541) 672-0379 or visit www.dfpa.net.

For more information about the Sutherlin Municipal Code (SMC) 8.26, please see attached or call (541) 459-1394.

Chapter 8.26

SEASONAL OPEN BURNING BAN

Sections:

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8.26.010

Year round outdoor burning ban.

No person shall cause or allow any condition which causes a nuisance. No person responsible shall burn in wood stoves, fireplaces, burn barrels or carry out outdoor burning of any trash, garbage, construction debris, copper wire insulation removal, pallets or combustibles such as tires, building materials, flammable materials, household waste, paper, cardboard, clothing, plastic, diapers, Styrofoam or other noxious materials, or the burning of any other materials specifically prohibited by local, state or federal laws at any time of the year. (Ord. 1049 § 1 (part), 2016)

8.26.020

Outdoor burning seasonal ban.

Unless exempted by this Chapter, no person shall cause or allow outdoor burning without a permit issued pursuant to this Chapter.

It is prohibited to start or maintain any outdoor fire during non-fire season as determined by Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA) of each calendar year. It is also prohibited to burn outdoors if the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prohibits all or specific types of open burning for any reason, during any time of year. (Ord. 1049 § 1 (part), 2016)

8.26.030

Yard debris burning restrictions.

“Yard debris” is limited to wood, needle or leaf materials from trees, shrubs or plants from the real property appurtenant to a dwelling of not more than four living units so long as such debris remains on the property of origin. Once yard debris is removed from the property of origin, it is no longer considered yard debris. Yard debris outdoor burning may be allowed during non-fire

season as determined by Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA) of each calendar year, as long as the following conditions are met:

1. Yard debris only.
2. The burn will be supervised and constantly attended by an adult.
3. Burning will take place only when wind direction will not adversely affect visibility on roadways or downwind from occupancies.
4. Vegetation will be cleared a minimum of fifteen (15) feet around piles prior to burning.
5. Only one burn pile is allowed to burn at a time per property.
6. No utility lines are located overhead.
7. A garden hose is connected to a water supply and readily available to extinguish the fire.
8. No open flames on or within twenty-five (25) feet of any structure and/or within fifteen (15) feet from a fence.

8.26.040

9. The total fuel area is no more than four (4) feet in width by four (4) feet in length by four (4) feet in height.

10. The burning is ignited after 07:30 hours and extinguished two hours before sunset. (Ord. 1049 § 1 (part), 2016)

8.26.040

Outdoor burning permits and exemptions.

A. Outdoor Burning Exempt from Bans. The following types of outdoor burning are allowed:

1. Open cooking fires, and fires contained in outdoor fireplace appliances, specifically approved and listed for the use, if the following conditions are met:

- a. The burn will be supervised and constantly attended by an adult.
- b. Burning will take place only when wind direction will not adversely affect visibility on roadways or downwind from occupancies.
- c. Vegetation will be cleared a minimum of fifteen (15) feet around piles prior to burning.
- d. Only one cooking fire is allowed to burn at a time per property.
- e. No utility lines are located overhead.
- f. A garden hose is connected to a water supply and readily available to extinguish the fire.
- g. No open flames on or within twenty-five (25) feet of any structure and/or within fifteen (15) feet from a fence.

h. The total fuel area is three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height.

2. Cooking in a barbecue grill or other similar enclosure specifically designed and listed for outdoor cooking. "Listed" means equipment or materials included on a list published by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials, and whose listing states that equipment or materials meet nationally recognized standards and have been tested and found suitable for use in a specified manner.

B. Outdoor Burning Allowed During the Seasonal Ban under 8.26.020 with a Permit. A burn permit is required and may be issued by the Fire Chief or his/her designee for all outdoor bonfires, special events involving fire, and pyrotechnics and fireworks.

1. Permit Investigation: Upon receipt of a burn permit application, the Fire Chief or his/her designee shall undertake whatever investigation the Fire Chief or his/her designee deems necessary. Based on this investigation, the Fire Chief or his/her designee may approve the permit.

2. Permit Standard: The Fire Chief or his/her designee shall issue the burn permit only when the Fire Chief or his/her designee determines the outdoor burning meets the requirements listed below, does not constitute a hazard and that reasonable steps will be taken to assure public safety. Such fires shall conform to the currently adopted Oregon Fire Code. Permits are issued for a specific time frame, normally not to exceed thirty (30) days.

3. Permit Extensions: When a permit has been issued and the burning is not completed due to restrictive weather conditions beyond the control of the permittee, and verified by the Fire Department, the permit may be extended as needed.

4. Permit Revocation: Permits will not be issued and issued permits will be revoked if burning includes burning of any other trash, garbage, construction debris, copper wire insulation removal, pallets or combustibles such as tires, building materials, flammable materials, household waste, paper, cardboard, clothing, plastic, diapers, Styrofoam or other noxious materials, or the burning of any other materials specifically prohibited by local, state or federal laws.

5. Bonfire and Special Event Fire Standards: Bonfires and special event fires require a burn permit and may be issued by the Fire Chief or his/her designee if the following conditions are met:

- a. Burn site must be one hundred (100) feet or more away from all structures, public roads and fences.
- b. The burn will be supervised and constantly attended by an adult.
- c. Burning will take place only when wind direction will not adversely affect visibility on roadways or downwind from occupancies.
- d. Vegetation will be cleared a minimum of one hundred (100) feet around piles prior to burning.
- e. Only one bonfire fire is allowed to burn at a time per property.
- f. No utility lines are located overhead.
- g. All required equipment and water supplies will be on site and operational for the duration of the burn.
- h. No open flames on or within one hundred (100) feet of any structure or fence.
- i. Bonfires and special event fires are limited to no more than eight (8) feet in width by eight (8) feet in length by eight (8) feet in height.
- j. The burn permit will be kept on the burn site while burning.
- k. Fire will be ignited after 0800 hours and extinguished by 1900 hours.
- l. All nighttime burns must be approved by the Fire Department.
- m. The permittee will take all reasonable precautions to control excessive visible emissions and odors from an open burn so as not to create a public nuisance.
- n. Creation of a public nuisance may result in revocation of the burning permit and possible enforcement action by the Sutherlin Police Department.

6. Firework and Pyrotechnics Permit Standards: Request for special events involving fireworks and/or pyrotechnics will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and may require the approved permit from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office and/or required process. (Ord. 1049 § 1 (part), 2016)

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Burn permit application requirement.

- 1. Burn permit applications can be obtained in person, and by appointment, at the Sutherlin Fire Department located at 250 S. State Street.
- 2. Burn permit applicants must provide a complete property owner address and the burn site address must be correctly identified.
- 3. Burn permit applicants will sign the application prior to the site inspection, confirming that all burning permit policy requirements have been met.
- 4. Burn permit inspections that do not meet established requirements within this policy will result in the denial of a permit. (Ord. 1049 § 1 (part), 2016)

8.26.060

Fees.

There are no fees for burn permits in the City of Sutherlin. (Ord. 1049 § 1 (part), 2016)

8.26.070

Enforcement.

Sutherlin Fire Department may inspect open burning by spot inspection, upon request or complaint. If no permit has been issued or burning is in violation of permit conditions or a nuisance is created, enforcement action may be taken. (Ord. 1049 § 1 (part), 2016)