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Tribal Forest Access Policy
7/14/2025

Purpose: The purpose of this Tribal Forest Access Policy is to provide information to the Tribal Membership and the general public regarding the policy for accessing the 14,742 acres of forest lands conveyed to the Tribe in January 2018 under the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act (WOTFA).

NOTICE: ALL ACCESS TO TRIBAL LANDS IS AT THE VISTOR'S OWN RISK. THE TRIBE ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS, OR DEATH ARISING OUT OF ACCESS OR USE OF TRIBAL LANDS.

1) Lake Creek, Smith River, and Tioga Tracts

Access Policy: Tribal members and the general public are permitted to access the Lake Creek, Smith River, and Tioga Tracts. Vehicle travel by Tribal members and the general public is currently permitted within these tracts on all open roads. Spur roads which are blocked or gated, as well as trails, are open for non-motorized access (foot traffic/hiking, bicycling, horse riding). Access off existing roads and trails is permitted by foot only.

Parts of these three tracts may be accessible via gated roads which pass over adjacent industrial timberlands. Access over these roads is not permitted without first coordinating with forestry staff.

Background: The three large tracts (Lake Creek, Smith River, and Tioga) are all accessible via paved and gravel roads. The Tribe holds reciprocal right-of-way agreements, which permit both the Tribe and adjacent landowners to use these roads for forest management purposes. These right-of-way agreements generally do not allow for public access, or any other access not related to forest management; however, these roads are currently ungated and accessible for use by both Tribal members as well as members of the general public. These lands have been publicly accessible for many decades, which has resulted in a steady level of public use. This public use persists following conveyance of these lands to the Tribe.

2) Coos Head

Access Policy: Tribal members are permitted access to the Coos Head tract. The general public is prohibited from accessing the Coos Head tract. Vehicle travel by Tribal members and the general public is currently permitted within this tract on all open roads. Additionally, spur roads which are blocked or gated, as well as trails, are open for non-motorized access (foot traffic/hiking, bicycling) for tribal members. Access off existing roads and trails is permitted by foot only and restricted to tribal members only.

This access policy only addresses the Forest Lands surrounding Coos Head. The developed area at Coos Head is located behind gates and requires Badge access. Limited Employees have badge access to maintain the Property. Tribal Member access to this area requires prior arrangements, with a request in writing made to the Tribe.

Background: Coos Head is accessed via Coos Head Road, Coos Head Loop, Chicken Loop Road, and Bastendorff Beach Road. Coos Head Loop and Chicken Loop Road are gravel surface roads, while the remainder are asphalt surface. All of these roads have easements which allow for public access.

3) Macy Tract

Access Policy: Requests by Tribal Members to access the Macy Tract should be made to Tribal forestry staff and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. No public access is currently permitted or planned for this tract.

Background: The Macy Tract is accessed via a private gravel road off of Butler Creek Road. This access road is gated and passes over several private ranches. Forestry staff have an informal agreement with the owners and caretaker of one of these ranches, allowing staff to access the Macy Tract for management purposes.

4) Umpqua Eden

Access Policy: Requests by Tribal Members to access Umpqua Eden should be made to Department of Culture & Natural Resource staff and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Forestry staff will coordinate with cultural resource staff in responding to requests for access. No public access is currently permitted or planned for this tract.

Background: Umpqua Eden is accessed via a private gravel road off Highway 101. The access road is gated and passes over Roseburg Forest Products (RFP) ownership. The Tribe does not hold any easement providing a legal right-of-way over the adjacent land. Forestry staff have an informal agreement with local RFP staff to allow access for management purposes and RFP has placed a Tribal lock on their gate.

5) Talbot Tract

Access Policy: Requests by Tribal Members to access the Talbot Tract should be made to Tribal Forestry staff and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. No public access is currently permitted or planned for this tract.

Background: The Talbot tract is accessed via a private gravel road off of 7 Devils Road. The access road is gated and passes over Weyerhaeuser Co. and Pacific West Timber Co. ownership. The Tribe does not hold any easement providing a legal right-of-way over the adjacent land. Forestry staff have a handshake agreement with Weyerhaeuser and Pac West to allow access for management purposes, and Weyerhaeuser has provided a gate key to forestry staff.

6) Fire Policy (Including Campfires)

Campfires, cultural fires, cooking fires, warming fires, charcoal barbeques, and all other open fires are prohibited at all times unless approved in writing by the CTCLUSI Forestry Department. Special Requests for approved fires should be made to the Director of Forestry or Lead Forester. Portable cooking stoves and campfires using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed, subject to fire season restrictions.

7) Camping

Overnight camping is permitted for Tribal Members and their families on the Lake, Smith River, and Tioga Tracts. Overnight camping is limited to 14 nights per 30-day period on any given tract. Overnight campers must be respectful of Tribal lands. This includes removing all waste including human waste, not producing excessive noise, and not interfering with others' quiet enjoyment of the Tribal Forest. The Tribe reserves the right to close areas of the Tribal Forest to overnight camping, and to require that campers relocate or leave the Tribal Forest at any time and for any reason. The Fire Policy (section 6) applies to Camping.

Camping on Tribal Lands is not permitted for the general public.

8) Hunting & Fishing

Hunting is allowed on the Lake Creek, Smith River, and Tioga Tracts. Hunting by Tribal Members on these tracts is open for seasons and bag limits subject to the Tribes' Hunting Code and Regulations and or ODFW regulations. Hunting by the general public on these tracts is limited to seasons set by ODFW and is subject to ODFW regulations. There are limited opportunities for Fishing on these 3 Tracts. Inquiries on Fishing should be directed to the Tribe's Hunting and Fishing Coordinator.

Umpqua Eden, Talbot, Macy and Coos Head and any other tribal property are closed to all hunting.

9) Fire Season Closures and Public Use Restrictions

All Tribal Forest tracts are subject to the public use restrictions issued by the Coos Fire Protection Association (CFPA) and ODF Western Lane District during fire season. Current IFPL levels as well as Public use restrictions can be found for any location in Oregon at the following: https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/ifpl.html This website reflects current restrictions in place and is updated daily. All requirements must be met. The IFPL levels are described in more detail in Attachment A and Public use restrictions are more clearly defined in Attachment B.

All Tribal Forest tracts are closed to the Public when the Industrial Fires Precaution Level (IFPL) is at Level I or higher.

Tribal Members and their families may access the Forest Tract Lands during IFPL Level I or Level II. Tribal Member access is prohibited at **Level III** or higher, subject to Tribal Council Resolution 21-089.

A Special Permission Permit may be requested during IFPL **Level III,** and will be reviewed and granted at the discretion of the Director of Forestry or Lead Forester.

During IFPL Level I, the following Fire Safety requirements exist for Tribal Members conducting common activities:

- **Motor vehicles (driving on tribal forests) on improved roads only – A shovel, and an axe or Pulaski, and either one gallon of water or one 2.5 lb or larger ABC fire extinguisher.**
- **Chainsaws use- must have a shovel, a 8 oz fire extinguisher, and 1 hour firewatch after use has been completed.**

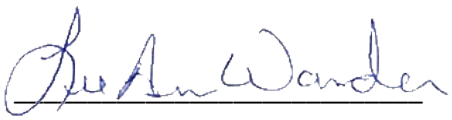
During IFPL Level II, the following Fire Safety requirements exist for Tribal Members conducting common activities:

- **Motor vehicles (driving on tribal forests) on improved roads only – A shovel, and an axe or Pulaski, and either one gallon of water or one 2.5 lb or larger ABC fire extinguisher.**
- **Chainsaws use- must have a shovel, a 8 oz fire extinguisher, and 1 hour firewatch after use has been completed. Chainsaw use only permitted before 1 PM and after 8 PM.**

During IFPL Level III- Instructions for Fire Safety will be included with the Special Permission Permit provided by the Forestry Department.

10) Other Closures

The Tribe reserves the right to close all or portions of the Tribal Forest at any time for safety, operations activity, fire safety, resource protection, and all other considerations.



Chief Executive Officer - Lee Ann Wander

7/15/2025

Effective Date

Attachment A

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPLs) for Oregon Department of Forestry Protection west of the Cascades

IFPL I. Fire Season
Fire season requirements are in effect. In addition to other fire prevention measures, a Firewatch is required at this and all higher levels unless otherwise waived.

IFPL II. Limited Shutdown
The following may operate only between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M.:

- Power saws except at loading sites;
- Feller-bunchers with rotary head saws;
- Cable yarding;
- Blasting;
- Welding, cutting, or grinding of metal.



IFPL III. Restricted Shutdown
The following is prohibited except as indicated:

- Cable yarding - except that gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages or approved motorized carriages (defined below), 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 and during rigging.

The following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M. where mechanized equipment capable of constructing fire line is immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start:

- Ground-based operations (defined below);
- Power saws on ground-based operations;
- Rotary head saw feller-bunchers with a continuous Firewatch;
- Non-rotary head saw feller-bunchers;
- Tethered logging systems (defined below).



The following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M.:

- Power saws at loading sites;
- Loading or hauling of any product or material;
- Blasting;
- Welding, cutting, or grinding of metal;
- Any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

IFPL IV. Complete Shutdown
All operations are prohibited.

NOTE: Where hauling involves transit through more than one shutdown/regulated use area, the precaution level at the woods loading site shall govern the level of haul restriction, unless otherwise prohibited by other than the IFPL system. Under IFPL III, all trucks must be loaded and leaving the loading site no later than 1 P.M.

IFPL Definitions

Approved motorized carriage: a cable yarding system employing a motorized carriage with two fire extinguishers, each with at least a 2A:10BC rating, mounted securely on opposite sides of the carriage, an emergency motor cutoff, and an approved exhaust system.
Cable yarding system: a yarding system employing cables, and winches in a fixed position.
Fire Season: that season of the year when a fire hazard exists as declared by the responsible agency official.
Ground-based operations: mobile and stationary equipment operations other than cable yarding systems, including but not limited to tractor/skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, processor, and shovel operations.
Loading sites: a place where any product or material (including, but not limited to logs, firewood, slash, soil, rock, poles, etc.) is placed in or upon a truck or other vehicle. loading site shall govern the level of haul restriction, unless otherwise prohibited by other than the industrial precaution level system.
Tethered logging system: winch-assisted, cable-assisted, traction-assisted, etc., which enable ground-based timber harvesting machines to operate on steep slopes.

Attachment B

Public Use Restrictions



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	FIRE DANGER LEVEL			
	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
Debris Burning is Prohibited. Debris burning is not allowed during fire season.	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Smoking is Prohibited. Smoking is prohibited at all times in forestlands, except inside vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated areas.	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Use of Fireworks is Prohibited.	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Sky Lanterns and Target Practice with tracer rounds or exploding targets are Prohibited.	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
The Following Activities Have Various Restrictions				
Campfires, including charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires are Restricted. When allowed, a shovel and water source or 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher must be readily available. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed at all times.	Allowed with Landowner Permission	Only Allowed at Designated Locations	Only Allowed at Designated Locations	Not Allowed
Chainsaw use is Restricted. When allowed, each saw being used must have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A firewatch of at least one hour is required following saw use.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Before 1pm and after 8pm	Allowed Before 10am and after 8pm	Not Allowed
Cutting, Grinding, and Welding of Metal is Restricted. When allowed, the work area must be cleared of flammable materials and have either a charged hose or 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher available.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Before 1pm and after 8pm	Allowed Before 10am and after 8pm	Not Allowed
Mowing/Cutting of Dried, Cured Grass is Restricted. The cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Before 1pm and after 8pm	Allowed Before 10am and after 8pm	Not Allowed
Motor Vehicles Allowed on improved roads, free of flammable vegetation. Each vehicle traveling on forestlands must have one shovel and either one gallon of water or one 2.5 lb or larger ABC fire extinguisher.	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day
Off-road Motorized Vehicle use is Restricted. All vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, operating on unimproved roads and areas that contain flammable vegetation are restricted to the listed times. Must have a 2.5 lb or larger ABC fire extinguisher.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Before 1pm and after 8pm	Allowed Before 10am and after 8pm	Not Allowed
Any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine is Restricted. When allowed, area must be cleared of flammable materials and have either a charged hose or 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher available.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Before 1pm and after 8pm	Allowed Before 10am and after 8pm	Not Allowed

STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Regulated Closure

Under this Regulated Closure it is unlawful to be in violation of the following restrictions:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated locations.

- Use of fireworks is prohibited EXCEPT displays for which a valid permit has been issued by the Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal under the provisions of ORS Chapter 480.

- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on improved roads free of flammable vegetation, except for the culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

- Open fires – meaning any outdoor fire that occurs in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and combustion products are not effectively vented through a stack or chimney are prohibited with the following exceptions:
    - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are prohibited during EXTREME fire danger (**RED**).
    - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed only at hosted and managed campgrounds during HIGH fire danger (YELLOW)
    - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed at locations designated by the forester during MODERATE fire danger (**BLUE**)
    - Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires are allowed at all locations, with landowner permission during LOW fire danger (**GREEN**)

As a note: Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed under this proclamation.

- The use of power saws is prohibited during EXTREME fire danger (**RED**). Power saw use is allowed before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during HIGH fire danger (YELLOW). Power saw use is allowed before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during MODERATE fire danger (**BLUE**). Power saw activity is permitted all day during LOW fire danger (**GREEN**).
    - Each power saw is required to have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity.
    - A firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.

- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited during EXTREME fire danger (**RED**). This activity is allowed before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during HIGH fire danger (YELLOW). This activity is allowed before 1:00 p.m. and after 8:00 p.m. during MODERATE fire danger (**BLUE**). This activity is permitted all day during LOW fire danger (**GREEN**).
    - When allowed, this activity will be conducted in a cleared area and have a charged garden hose or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher immediately available.