



City of Ketchum

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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Effect for City of Ketchum

KETCHUM, IDAHO – Due to the current threat of wildfire danger, Ketchum Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin has implemented Fire Restrictions on all public and private lands, roads and trails situated within the boundaries of the City of Ketchum.

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, the following acts are prohibited within the City of Ketchum on public and private lands, roads and trails:

- Open fires and campfires
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building or designated recreation site, or in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials

The following are exemptions to the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited acts
- Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
- Fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove with a chimney at least five feet in length and a spark arrester with a mesh screen and screen of ¼ inch or less.
- Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Fire restrictions are intended to decrease the chance of any preventable fires in the designated areas. With the fire season well underway, these restrictions are intended to keep citizens and visitors safe as well as prevent dangerous and damaging wildfires.

These restrictions will remain in place until midnight on Oct. 31, 2022. For additional information, please contact the City of Ketchum Fire Department at (208) 726-7805.

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About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. In 2018, Ketchum was awarded designation by the International Dark-Sky Association as a Dark Sky Community and is included in the Nation's first International Dark Sky Reserve, one of only 13 in the world. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.