



# Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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For Immediate Release

Contact: Local Fire Protection District

High Fire Travel and Activity Restrictions

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Sheriff Brian Burnett announces "High Fire Hazard Travel and Activity Restrictions" for unincorporated areas of Chelan County.

On July 11, 2016, The Board of Chelan County Commissioners designated, based on recommendations from the Fire Advisory Board, that road travel and activity restrictions in unincorporated Chelan County be raised to "High". This action was taken to prevent occurrences of fires which might be caused by recreational, residential, commercial, industrial and other activities in unincorporated Chelan County.

High Fire Hazard Travel and Activity Restrictions are as follows:

1. Travel Restrictions:
  - A. No operation of any motor vehicle off the roadway
  - B. Restricts travel on county roads, except for the following:
    - a. Bona fide residents;
    - b. Landowners and leaseholders to access land to perform work to protect property;
    - c. Authorized and official business only;
    - d. Access to open public lands for legitimate purpose/use.
  
2. Area activity restrictions include:

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- A. No fireworks
- B. No outdoor fires. No person shall build, ignite, or maintain any outdoor fire of any kind or character or for any purpose whatsoever, in any High fire hazard area, except by the authority of a written permit from the appropriate fire protection agency. No permit will be required for outdoor fires within habited premises or designated campsites where such fires may be built in a permanent barbeque, portable barbeque, outdoor fireplace, incinerator, or grill. Such a permit shall incorporate such terms and conditions to reasonably safeguard public safety and property.
- C. Restricted open flame devices: No person shall operate or use any device liable to start or cause fire in or upon any high fire hazard area, except for the approved open flame devices listed below or by the authority of a written permit from the appropriate fire protection agency.
  - a. Approved open flame devices. Liquid gas stoves or fires, including:
    - i. Pressurized gas camp stoves, catalytic heaters, and white gas camp stoves and lanterns.
    - ii. Commercially made barbeque devices.
    - iii. Stove or fireplace fires completely contained within a home or residence.
    - iv. Propane or pressurized white gas warming devices with a shield and base.
    - v. An enclosed solid fuel fire that utilizes a wick to distribute the flame.

If anyone has questions about the current restrictions, contact your local fire protection district.

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