

Regulated Use Closure:

Regulated use closures do not effect where people can go but do effect what they can do. Affected lands will often be marked with signs along with instructions and prevention reminders. You should determine the specific restrictions that apply to your destination before traveling. The following restrictions are commonly put in place during a regulated use closure:

1. Prohibition of smoking while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and at designated locations. An "improved road" is a road that has been constructed for automobile use and is maintained clear of flammable debris.
2. Open fires such as campfires, charcoal fires, and cooking fires are allowed only in designated locations. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.
3. Restrictions or prohibition of non-industrial use of chainsaws. This includes private woodcutting. An axe, shovel, and fire extinguisher of at least 8 oz. capacity must be kept with each saw.
4. The use of motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, may be prohibited, except on improved roads.
5. Possessing the following fire equipment while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas may be required: one axe at least 26 inches in length, with a head weighing at least 2 pounds; one shovel at least 26 inches in length, with a blade at least 8 inches wide; and one gallon of water or one fully charged and an operational 2.5 lb or larger fire extinguisher.
6. Prohibition on the use of fireworks.
7. Prohibition on the cutting, grinding and welding of metal in dry, grassy or forested areas between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
8. Prohibition on the use of exploding targets.

Permit Closure:

When fire danger increases, a permit closure may be announced. Permit closures require people, including landowners, to obtain permits before entering designated forest lands.

Absolute Closure:

This closure prohibits all use of forested areas within a designated area. All forms of travel and all recreational activities are prohibited during an absolute closure.