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## *Colville National Forest Lifts Chainsaw Restrictions*

**Colville, WA-** (September 22, 2015) Effective Thursday, September 24, 2015 at midnight, Industrial Fire Protection Levels (IFPL) 2 will be reduced to IFPL 1. Fire precaution requirements and a fire watch are required unless otherwise waived, but chainsaw use is permitted after 1:00 pm.

After a historic summer of large fires in northeast Washington, forest managers urge extra caution and awareness for those visiting their National Forest. Area Closures are still in place, and some roads, trails and areas will remain closed to access. Hazards from falling snags, burned or burning stump holes and debris flows remain in all burned areas.

While the worst of the fire season is behind us, forest visitors must still use sound fire precautions. Good fire building and extinguishing practices are required, such as: keeping campfires small, using existing fire rings and having a bucket, shovel, water and a fire extinguisher readily available. All campfires must be attended or fully extinguished. For tips on properly extinguishing a camp fire, please call your local ranger station.

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