

This general guide is intended to clarify various activities allowed/restricted under Stage 1 & Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and Closures. An exemption to the restriction of an activity may be considered, but must be explained and described clearly to provide general public understanding. Permits can be issued on a case-by-case basis for an exemption.

ACTIVITY	Stage 1	Stage 2
Fires allowed within a metal fire ring or grate.	Y	N
Fires allowed within rock fire rings.	N	N
Fire allowed with on/off switch such as: enclosed gas, propane, or butane-type camp stoves.	Y	Y
Use of 'tiki' lights... (why? open flame)	N	N
Charcoal fires allowed within metal BBQ (i.e., portable Weber-type BBQ)	N	N
Woodstoves allowed within cabins. <i>Must have spark arrestor or wire mesh screens over stove pipes.</i>	Y	Y
Woodstoves allowed within canvas wall tents.	N	
Smoking allowed in enclosed vehicle or building, at an improved place of habitation, developed designated recreation site or stopped within an area 3-foot in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.	Y	Y
Allows use of generators placed on area cleared of flammable material.	Y	
Logging Operations: Allows use of Chainsaw, log skidding activities, or delimiting operations. Allows loading and hauling operations to occur on a cleared landing site.	Y Y	Y** Y
Trail or Road Maintenance/Building Operations: Allows road maintenance/building/clearing operations to occur. Allows brushing, mowing or weed whacking to occur.	Y Y	Y** Y**
Allows welding, use of acetylene torches. Allows use of explosives. Allows the use of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices.	Y Y N	Y** Y** N

**** Activities affected by Stage 2 'Hoot-Owl' time periods (no use of internal combustion engines between 1:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M.).**

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Prohibiting the operation of an internal combustable engine between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. (‘hoot-owl’) is in reference to 38-115 of the Idaho Forestry Act. The intent of this restriction is to regulate use of a chainsaw, operating skidding equipment, blasting and/or welding.

Equipment with Internal Combustion Engines *NOT AFFECTED* by the ‘hoot-owl’ hours under Stage 2 include:

Generators used by campers and campground hosts.	They need to be placed in a cleared out area; they need to be in good working condition; a fire extinguisher placed nearby would improve safety.
Driving a passenger car, pickup, motorcycle, ATV's, etc.	Must remain on designated routes and Forest system roadways.
Logging Operation - Loading/Decking logs at a Landing Site.	May occur all day on a cleared landing. Required one-hour patrol following completion of all work.
Logging Operation - Hauling	

Equipment with Internal Combustion Engines *AFFECTED* by ‘hoot-owl’ hours under Stage 2 include:

Operating Chainsaws.	Includes all chainsaw use performed on the harvest unit, and processing/limbing operations on the landing site.
Operating Delimiting Equipment.	Includes automated delimiting equipment situated on the landing site.
Operating Skidding Equipment.	Includes skidding operations on the harvest unit, and skidding of logs to the landing site.
Operating Acetylene or other torch, welding operations.	Only allowed with an emergency work permit.
Use of explosives.	For new or existing road or trail reconstruction/decommissioning/maintenance.
Operating backhoes, excavators, dozers, and includes other brush-removal equipment.	For new or existing road or trail reconstruction/decommissioning/maintenance. Exemptions may be considered if adequate water source is available (case-by-case).