

## Wildfire season begins June 1

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Summer fire restrictions will begin June 1, 2007 for cities and fire districts within Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. Commercial and backyard debris burning will close Thursday, May 31st at dusk. State and Federal wildfire protection agencies may continue to allow burning with restrictions. Gary Marshall, Deputy Fire Chief of the Bend Fire Department, said due to warming weather conditions and the drying of wildland vegetation, fire agencies have seen an increase of uncontrolled fires, therefore Rural Fire Districts and Cities within Deschutes and Jefferson County will go into a regulated burning closure and declare fire season to begin June 1 at 12:00 a.m. Campfires and other types of small recreational fires may be permitted when safety regulations are in compliance and with approval from your fire protection agency. As a reminder to all central Oregon residents, Marshall advises that regulations may vary between fire protection jurisdictions. Please contact your local, state or federal fire agency for specific requirements and closures.

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