



## CENTRAL OREGON FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

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### **Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Discuss Closing Open Debris Burning**

The Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (COFCA) is closely following local drought declarations, and the seasonal fire outlook. Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and north Klamath Counties are abnormally dry with portions already in severe drought.

“We experienced a mild winter with low snowpack. Given the current and expected conditions, we need the public’s help to prevent accidental fire starts.”, said COFCA Chair Todd Riley, Fire Chief for Bend Fire & Rescue.

Burning residential debris piles in most fire districts will not be allowed after sunset on Thursday, April 30, 2026. This is a month earlier than previous years because of the increased risk. Each fire district will assess conditions on a daily basis to determine if burning is allowed. Many will stay closed until the fall.

The Oregon Department of Forestry introduced a new tool to help you know if you can burn. [Before You Burn](#) is a website and app that gives real-time weather, local agency guidance, and burn condition updates just by entering your address.

Instead of burning, there are other ways to lower wildfire risk. Options include chipping, hauling to a landfill or transfer site, or piling and covering in place. More information for preventing wildfires, fire department listings, and fire restrictions can also be found at [centraloregonfire.org](http://centraloregonfire.org).

Below is a list of phone numbers for Central Oregon agencies.

541-382-2333 - [Alfalfa Fire District](#)  
541-322-6335 - [Bend/Deschutes Rural District #2](#)  
541-595-2288 - [Black Butte Ranch](#)  
541-389-2345 - [Cloverdale](#)  
541-433-2451 - [Crescent Fire District](#)  
541-447-2876 - [Crook County Fire & Rescue](#)  
541-923-4633 - [Crooked River Ranch RFPD](#)

541-475-1789 - [Jefferson County Fire & EMS](#)  
541-536-9056 - [La Pine Fire Department](#)  
541-410-5077 - [Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue](#)  
541-504-5035 - [Redmond Fire & Rescue](#)  
541-549-2333 - [Sisters-Camp Sherman](#)  
541-553-1146 - [Warm Springs Fire & Safety](#)  
541-383-5300 - [Deschutes National Forest](#)  
541-416-6500 - [Ochoco National Forest/Crooked River Grasslands](#)  
541-416-6700 - [Bureau of Land Management](#)  
541-447-5658 - [Oregon Department of Forestry Prineville Unit](#)  
541-549-2731 - [Oregon Department of Forestry Sisters Sub-Unit](#)  
541-433-2451 - [Walker Range Fire Patrol Association](#)

Together, with responsible actions by individuals and pre-season readiness from our fire service, Central Oregon will be able to head into another fire year safely.

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