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RULE SUMMARY: The proposed rule changes involve the adoption of the goals and objectives of the Minam River Wildlife Area (MRWA) Management Plan. This plan will guide management activities at MRWA over the next five years, during which time restoration plans and plans for developing a public use program will be implemented. The department's management planning process for Wildlife Areas involves the development of broad goals for the areas, and formulation of specific objectives and management strategies to achieve those goals. Proposed rule changes reflect the management strategies outlined in the management plan.

CHANGES TO RULE:

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Minam River Wildlife Area (Union/Wallowa Counties) ¶

The Minam River Wildlife Area is open to wildlife-oriented public use compatible with the goals and objectives in the 2026 Minam River Wildlife Area Management Plan unless otherwise excluded or restricted by the following rules:¶

- (1) Discharging of firearms is prohibited except while hunting during authorized game bird and game mammal seasons.¶
- (2) Camping is prohibited.¶
- (3) ~~Open fires are prohibite~~ except at Wildlife Flat for Minam River Trail access, which shall not exceed 48 hrs, and at 2-Mile Flat on Big Canyon Rd, which is allowed April 1 through December 31 and shall not exceed 14 days during any 30-day period.¶
- (4) ~~The wildlife area is closed to the public between 10 pm and 4 am~~ Open fires are prohibited except at campsites. All open fires are prohibited on all lands during designated fire closures.¶
- (5) ~~The wildlife area lands are closed to public entry from December~~ January 1 through March 31. Exception: Year-round public access is permitted on the Minam River Trail and associated parking area along highway 82.¶
- (6) ~~ATV and snowmobile use is prohibited on all area lands except for administrative use.~~¶
- (6) ODFW Wildlife Area Parking Permit is required. Vehicle parking at Wildlife Flat for Minam River Trail access shall not exceed 14 days during any 30-day period.¶
- (7) Domestic sheep and goats are prohibited.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146