



## PUBLIC NOTICE

**To:** Park Patrons

**From:** Doug Chase, Director, Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf

**Date:** August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**RE:** **Liberty Lake ORV Park Closure**

As authorized by order of the Fire Code Official, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, to ensure public safety and to protect Spokane County property the Director of Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department hereby imposes a temporary closure of the Liberty Lake ORV Park to motorized activities until further notice, effective the date of this notice, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, unless this order is otherwise lifted, in whole or in part, or unless otherwise permitted by law or by authorized agencies.

Over recent years, the state wildfire season has begun earlier and with greater intensity. DNR fire and forest health experts believe some of the uptick in the number of fires is due to years of persistent drought on the east side of the Cascades, which has weakened forests and made them more susceptible to insects and disease. Ailing forests become flammable, ready to ignite from a human-caused spark or a lightning strike.

Due to the nature of the trails in the Liberty Lake ORV Park having an abundance of vegetation in proximity to the trails, and because burn restrictions are now in effect throughout Spokane County, the Parks Department is imposing this temporary restriction on motorized vehicle use in the park as a heightened fire precaution.

For any questions, please contact Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf at (509) 477-4730.



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Doug Chase, Director

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