

ORDER NO. 04-12-07
Fire Restrictions
USDA Forest Service
Inyo National Forest

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Inyo National Forest. This Order is effective from June 25, 2012, until the declared end of the 2012 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in the Developed Recreation Sites shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within the Developed Recreation Sites shown on Exhibit A, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
4. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order.

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence in one of the residence tracts shown on Exhibit B, are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 while at their recreation residence, provided that the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the permit..
4. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for an organizational camp or a resort shown on Exhibit B, are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 while at their organizational camp or resort. provided that the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Bishop, California, on this 20th day of June, 2012.



Edward E. Armenta
Forest Supervisor
Inyo National Forest

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Developed Recreation Sites
EXHIBIT A

MT. WHITNEY RANGER DISTRICT

Cottonwood Pass Backpacker
Cottonwood Lakes Backpacker
Horseshoe Meadow Equestrian
Lone Pine
Lone Pine Group
Whitney Portal
Whitney Portal Group
Whitney Trailhead
Upper Grays Meadow
Lower Grays Meadow
Onion Valley

WHITE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

Big Pine Creek
First Falls
Sage Flat
Upper Sage Flat
Palisade Glacier
Clyde Glacier
Grandview
Noren
Nelson
Ferguson
Big Trees
Bishop Park
Forks
Four Jeffery
Bitterbrush
Intake 2 (walk-in)
Intake 2 Upper
Mountain Glen
North Lake
Sabrina
Willow
Bishop Park
Table Mountain
Big Meadow

East Fork
French Camp
Iris Meadow
Palisade
Pine Grove
Rock Creek Lake
Rock Creek Lake Group
Tuff
Upper Pine Grove
Holiday
Aspen
Mosquito Flat Trailhead
McGee Creek

MAMMOTH LAKES RANGER DISTRICT

Convict Lake
New Shady Rest
Old Shady Rest
Sherwin Creek
Pine Glen
Coldwater
Twin Lakes
Lake George
Lake Mary
Pine City
Agnew Meadows
Minaret Falls
Reds Meadow
Pumice Flat
Upper Soda Springs
Pumice Flat

MONO LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

Big Springs
Deadman
Glass Creek
Hartley Springs
Obsidian Flat
Gull Lake
June Lake
Oh! Ridge
Reversed Creek
Silver Lake
Bloody Canyon Trailhead
Big Bend
Ellery Lake

Junction
Sawmill
Tioga Lake
Saddlebag Lake
Grant Lake Marina/Campground

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Recreation Residences, Organizational Camps and Resorts
EXHIBIT B

RECREATION RESIDENCE TRACTS

Crater Tract
Glass Creek Tract
Gull Lake Tract
June Lake Tract
Silver Lake Tract
Falls Tract
Lake George Tract
Lake Mary Tract
Mill City Tract
Sherwin Creek Tract
Twin Lakes Tract
Big Pine Tract
Lake Sabrina Tract
Palisades Tract
Pine Glade Tract
Rock Creek Tract
Lower Rock Creek Tract
South Fork Tract
Utter Tract
Whiskey Creek Tract
Seven Pines Tract
Whitney Portal Tract

OGANIZATIONAL CAMPS AND RESORTS

Bishop Pack Outfitters
Cottonwood Pack Station
Frontier Pack Train
Glacier Pack Train
Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit
McGee Creek Pack Station
Mount Whitney Pack Train
Pine Creek Pack Station
Rainbow Pack Outfitters
Rock Creek Pack Station
Sequoia Kings Pack Trains
Rock Creek Resort
Kings Rock Creek Lakes Resort

Parchers Resort
Red's Meadow Resort and Pack Station
Sierra meadows Ranch
Silver Lake Resort
Tioga Pass Resort
Wildrie Resort
Pine Cliff Resort
Silver Lake Resort

MEMORANDUM

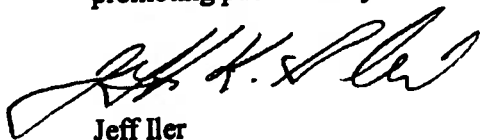
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The Inyo National Forest "Fire Restriction Plan" approved May 11, 2012, and Forest Service Manual – 5110.4, give authority and guidance on implementing actions which reduce the risk of certain ignition sources.

Criteria for activation of prohibitions through Forest Orders are based on National Fire Danger Rating System indices and fuel moisture conditions. Specifically, they are: Thousand hour fuel moisture is at the 90th percentile (showing downward trend) and dead fuel moistures for thousand hour time lag fuels are <12%. The forest has met these criteria since about June 10, 2012 using the Crestview, Rock Creek, Benton, Owens Valley and Independence weather stations as representative sites. Current conditions reflect an Energy Release Component (ERC) is at or above the 90th percentile for all weather stations and the thousand hour fuel moisture is 8% to 10%.

Exemptions to the restrictions, defined by geographic locations or activities governed by permit are in place within the Forest Order due to the likelihood of ignition, required measures to remove flammable vegetation or extinguishment equipment on site. These requirements or conditions of permit allow certain uses not available to the general public to reduce the potential for fire ignitions to escape into the wildland.

Prohibitions for short-term resource protection are categorically excluded from further documentation in an EIS or EA under 31.1b of Forest Service Handbook 1909.15. This order would fall into this category because it is providing short-term resource protection and promoting public safety.



Jeff Iler
Deputy Forest Fire Management Officer

Concurrence of Forest Supervisor



Date: 6/14/12