

# News Release

## CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST

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### **CHECK BEFORE YOU GO!**

### **Cleveland National Forest Use Restriction Lowered to “High”**

**San Diego, CA** – December 1, 2009...The Cleveland National Forest will lower its Fire Use Restrictions on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 from **EXTREME** to **HIGH**. Most campgrounds will remain open. Under **HIGH** Fire Use Restrictions, campfires are again allowed in developed campgrounds and developed picnic areas in designated fire rings.

In addition to checking the Fire Use Restrictions, visitors should check the “current conditions” on the national forest website to see if there are any other closures. Under “current conditions,” road and campground closures as well as any other information is listed. **Visitors are encouraged to check before they go.** For a recorded message please call **619-593-2183** or for online information go to [www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland).

“We appreciate the public’s cooperation. Fire danger levels are subject to change with weather and fire activity. Visitors should still use care and caution when visiting the Cleveland National Forest,” said Will Metz, Forest Supervisor.

Regardless of Fire Use Restriction level, some activities are **NEVER** allowed on the Cleveland National Forest. Fireworks, discharging a firearm with steel core, armor piercing or tracer ammunition are **NEVER** allowed on the national forest. Open fires are **NEVER** allowed outside of designated fire rings in developed campgrounds and developed picnic areas. Please check with the other southern California national forests to determine what current fire restrictions are in place.

#### **Check before you go for updated information.**

- District offices are open Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- For the Cleveland National Forest Supervisor’s Office, dial (858) 673-6180.
- For Alpine, Descanso, and Laguna Mountain Area contact the Descanso Ranger District at (619) 445-6235.
- For Palomar Mountain, Henshaw, Ramona and Oak Grove areas contact the Palomar Ranger District at (760) 788-0250.
- For the Ortega Highway area, San Mateo and Corona area contact the Trabuco Ranger District at (951) 736-1811.