



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within all National Forest System lands as described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Coronado National Forest, Pima, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Pinal and Graham Counties within the State of Arizona.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal, coal, and briquettes. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).**
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).**
3. Blasting, welding, or operating any acetylene or other torch with an open flame. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).**
4. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).**

**THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM 10.00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.:**

5. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering capable of igniting a fire. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h), (j).**
6. Using an explosive. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b).**

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions in this Order:

1. Holders of Forest Service Special Use Authorizations are exempt from Prohibition #1 above provided such fires are within a fire structure and they are within their permitted area.
2. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.
4. Persons engaged in legal hunting activity pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations are allowed to discharge a firearm while taking wildlife.

### **RESTRICTED AREA**

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Coronado National Forest, as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A.

### **PURPOSE**

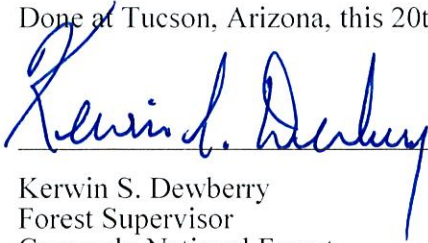
The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources, and facilities during the current period of high fire danger. An emergency situation exists due to the high levels of continuous fine fuel loading, fire danger indices, and extreme weather conditions. These factors have created an environment in which ignitions from human-caused activities can occur at a much higher rate than normal. Further, wildfires from such ignitions have the propensity to spread extremely quickly, presenting a significant risk to the public, as well as substantial obstacles to firefighters in the implementation of wildfire suppression strategies.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the area and road closures is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order map, navigate to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coronado/alerts-notices>
3. Exhibit B, "Definitions," is attached and incorporated into this Order.
4. Any violation of the prohibitions in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).

5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office in Tucson, telephone number 520-388-8300.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Tucson, Arizona, this 20th day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kerwin S. Dewberry", is written over a horizontal line.

Kerwin S. Dewberry  
Forest Supervisor  
Coronado National Forest

EXHIBIT B

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**DEFINITIONS:**

**FIRE STRUCTURE:** A permanent metal or concrete structure, which is specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire that has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service or equivalent.

**STOVE FIRE:** A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, which is outfitted with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length and is equipped with a spark arrestor consisting of a mesh screen with a screen opening of ¼ inch or less.

**CHAIN SAW:** A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

For further definitions or clarification of definitions, refer to 36 C.F.R. § 261.2.