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 and within Hidalgo County within the state of New Mexico.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire, including fires in developed campgrounds and improved sites. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. 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, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. 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. § 261.53(e).

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:
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1. Holders of Forest Service Special Use Authorizations are exempt from restriction #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 Law Enforcement Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

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

To reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and severe fire weather conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order supersedes order number 03-05-00-22-026, will be in effect at 10:30 AM on Wednesday May 25th, 2022 and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2022 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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 this prohibition 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 25th day of May, 2022.

Kerwin S. Dewberry  
Forest Supervisor  
Coronado National Forest
EXHIBIT B

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

DEFINITIONS:

DESIGNATED AREA: Developed recreation sites such as (campgrounds and picnic areas) that are maintained and administered by the Forest Service, shown on the current Forest visitor maps, and are equipped with permanent fire structures.

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 arrester consisting of a mesh screen with a screen opening of 1⁄4 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.