



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST**

***Emergency 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 on 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 Prescott National Forest, Coconino and Yavapai Counties, 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 (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).**
3. 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 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.:**

5. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment operated by an internal combustion engine. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h), (j).**

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by pressurized liquid petroleum or pressurized liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used

in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device.

3. Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the generator.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.
5. 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 Prescott 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 08:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 26, 2022, and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order map for the Prescott National Forest, navigate to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/prescott/alerts-notice>.
3. 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)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office located in Chino Valley, AZ, telephone number 928-777-2200, the

Bradshaw Ranger Station located in Prescott, AZ, telephone number 928-443-8000, and the Verde Ranger Station located in Camp Verde, AZ, telephone number (928) 567-4121.

5. This Order supersedes Order 03-09-00-22-03, dated May 04, 2022.

Done at Chino Valley, AZ, this 25th day of May, 2022.

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Forest Supervisor

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