

**FOREST ORDER**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**PIKE-SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS &**  
**CIMARRON AND COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS**  
**San Carlos Ranger District**

**STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within San Carlos Ranger District of the Pike–San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands in the State of Colorado. (the “Described Area”) and on all roads and trails located within the Described Area (the “Described Roads and Trails”), as shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health, safety, and natural resources by preventing wildfires.

**PROHIBITIONS:** The following acts are prohibited in the Restricted Area and on the Restricted Roads and Trails:

- 1) Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes) except if it is in:
  - a. A permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the U.S. Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas).
  - b. A device solely fueled by liquid or gas that can be turned on and off used in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the device.
  - c. A fully enclosed metal stove with a chimney at least five feet in length and a mesh screen spark arrestor with a screen opening of a ¼ inch or less used in an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials within ten feet of the device. 36 FR § 261.52(a)
- 2) Smoking is prohibited, except in 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 materials. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
- 3) Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). For chainsaw use a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) must be kept with the operator, and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least thirty-five inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(h), (j)

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- 4) Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame without being in a cleared area of at least ten feet in diameter and keeping a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) with the operator. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
- 5) Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition. 36 CFR § 261.52(b).

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the prohibitions specified below:

- 1) Persons with the following authorizations are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5: (i) a valid Forest Service permit or contract specifically authorizing Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5 in the Restricted Area or on the Restricted Roads and Trails in their physical possession and (ii) a written exemption with an appropriate mitigation plan authorized in writing by the appropriate Forest Service official.
- 2) Persons using either of the following devices are exempt from Prohibition #1: (i) a stove or grill solely fueled by liquid petroleum fuels; or (ii) a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove with a chimney at least five feet in length and a mesh screen spark arrestor with a screen opening of ¼ inch or less.
- 3) Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5.

**Notice regarding Exemptions:** The persons exempted above are on notice that they are responsible for conducting activities subject to these exemptions in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions and are electing to proceed at their own risk. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for damage, injury, or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.

This Order becomes effective at 12:01 am on May 6, 2023, and remains in effect until 11:59 PM on December 31, 2023, unless rescinded.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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