

## FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST  
Calcasieu, Caney, Catahoula, Kisatchie, Winn  
Ranger Districts  
STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTION**

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 the Calcasieu, Caney, Catahoula, Kisatchie, and Winn Ranger Districts of the Kisatchie National Forest.

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

**PROHIBITIONS:** This Order prohibits the following acts in the Restricted Area:

- 1) Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, including fires in **developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas)**, charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves, and shepherd's stoves. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).
- 2) Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building. 36 CFR § 261.52(c).
- 3) Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
- 4) Operating or using any internal combustion engine without an effective and properly installed USDA- or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)- approved spark arrestor. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).
- 5) Operating a chainsaw without an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAE- approved spark arrestor, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum of 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) kept with the operator and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(h).
- 6) 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).
- 7) Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails, or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle. 36 CFR § 261.56.

## EXEMPTIONS:


Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from specified Prohibitions of this Order:

- 1) Persons with the following authorizations are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7: (i) a valid Forest Service permit or contract specifically authorizing Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 in the Restricted Area in their physical possession and (ii) a written exemption with an appropriate mitigation plan authorized in writing by the appropriate Forest Service official.
- 2) Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7.
- 3) Persons using pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills, or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet from any flammable materials are exempt from Prohibition #1.
- 4) Residents, owners, or lessees within the Restricted Area, who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling with an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAE- approved spark arrestor, are exempt from Prohibition #1.

**Notice regarding Exemptions:** Holders of valid Forest Service permits, leases and authorizations and all other persons are on notice that when proceeding with activities that are authorized pursuant to these Exemptions, such persons are responsible for conducting authorized activities 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 has been issued August 30, 2023.

This Order will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. on August 31, 2023, and will remain in force until superseded or rescinded, whichever event occurs first.



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A violation of the prohibitions in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C §§ 3559 and 3571).

