

ORDER NO. 15-05  
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST  
FIRE USE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from May 6, 2015, through the end of the official 2015 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in the Designated Campfire Use Sites listed in Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or within the Designated Campfire Use Sites listed in Exhibit A. 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. 36 CFR 261.52(j).
4. Discharging a firearm. 36 CFR 261.58(m).

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

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use portable lanterns or stoves using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel within the Los Padres National Forest.
3. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Persons hunting a legal game bird or mammal are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, a person hunting during the open hunting season for that bird or mammal as specified by the laws of the State of California, and having a valid California hunting license in his or her possession, may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

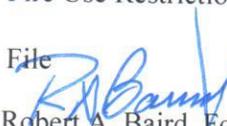
Done at Goleta, California this 5th day of May, 2015.



Robert A. Baird  
Forest Supervisor  
Los Padres National Forest

Date: May 5, 2015

**Subject:** Order No. 15-05  
Los Padres National Forest  
Fire Use Restriction

**To:** File 

**From:** Robert A. Baird, Forest Supervisor

Due to an abnormally dry winter, extreme dry fuel moistures, and predicted fire weather forecasts, the forest now needs to limit fire use. In order to protect natural resources and promote public safety, I am imposing fire restrictions throughout the forest on May 5, 2015 through the end of the 2015 fire season.

By restricting open fires, it is less likely that an escaped campfire will accidentally cause a wildland fire. Therefore, I will restrict fire use to those designated campfire use sites listed on Exhibit A.

In addition, I will restrict smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building or in a designated campfire use site listed in Exhibit A.

I will also restrict operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

Zone "A" rifle deer season which includes the majority of the Los Padres National Forest opens August 2015. Zone "D-13," which includes the Mt. Pinos District, opens October 2015. Due to the numerous shooting related fires in previous seasons, recreational shooting is not permitted unless specifically authorized to do so. However, a person hunting during the open hunting season for a bird or mammal as specified by the laws of the State of California, and having a valid California hunting license in his or her possession, may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 215.4) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

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EXHIBIT A  
Designated Campfire Use Sites

**Monterey Ranger District**

Arroyo Seco Campground / Group Camp  
Arroyo Seco Day Use Area  
Bottchers Gap Campground  
China Camp  
Escondido Campground  
Kirk Creek Campground  
Naciamiento Campground  
Mill Creek Day Use Area  
Plaskett Creek Campground / Group Camp  
Ponderosa Campground  
Sand Dollar Day Use Area  
Santa Lucia Memorial Park Campground  
White Oaks Camp

**Ojai Ranger District**

Holiday Group Campground  
Middle Lion Campground  
Pine Mountain Campground  
Reyes Peak Campground  
Rose Valley Campground  
Wheeler Gorge Campground

**Santa Lucia Ranger District**

American Canyon Campground  
Baja Campground  
Bates Canyon Campground  
Brookshire Campground  
Buck Spring Campground  
Cerro Alto Campground  
Colson Campground  
Cumbre Day Use Area  
Davy Brown Campground  
Figuroa Campground  
Friis Campground  
Hi Mountain Campground  
Horseshoe Spring Campground  
La Panza Campground  
Miranda Pine Campground  
Navajo Campground  
Navajo OHV Staging Area  
Nira Campground  
Pino Alto Day Use Area

**Mount Pinos Ranger District**

Aliso Park Campground  
Ballinger Campground  
Caballo Campground  
Campo Alto Campground  
Chuchupate Campground  
Chula Vista Campground  
Dome Springs Campground  
Dutchman Campground  
Halfmoon Campground  
Kings Camp Campground  
Marian Campground  
McGill Campground  
McGill Group Campground  
Mt. Pinos Campground  
Nettle Springs Campground  
Pine Springs Campground  
Rancho Nuevo Campground  
Reyes Creek Campground  
Thorn Meadows Campground  
Tinta Campground  
Toad Springs Campground  
Valle Vista Campground

**Santa Barbara Ranger District**

Falls Day Use Area  
Fremont Campground  
Live Oak Day Use Area  
Los Prietos Campground  
Lower Oso Day Use Area  
Paradise Campground  
Red Rock Day Use Area  
Sage Hill Campground  
Upper Oso Campground  
White Rock Day Use Area  
Rock Camp  
P-Bar Flat Campground  
Mono Campground  
Middle Santa Ynez Campground  
First Crossing Day Use Area