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## Allegheny National Forest in High Fire Danger

**Warren, Pa.** (April 19, 2016) – The Allegheny National Forest raised its fire danger rating to high. When the fire danger is "high," fires can start easily from most causes and small fuels (such as grasses and needles) will ignite readily. Unattended campfires and brush fires are likely to escape. Fires will spread easily, with some areas of high-intensity burning on slopes or concentrated fuels. Fires can become serious and difficult to control unless they are put out while they are still small.

Pete To, Allegheny National Forest Fire Management Officer said the high fire rating is due to warmer temperatures and very little precipitation. To said the rating will be lowered once the weather cools down and the area receives precipitation.

“While the forest is in high fire danger, please use extreme caution when building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove,” said To. “Make sure you have a lot of water on hand to completely put out the campfire. It needs to be cold to the touch.” Smokers should also not throw out cigarette butts during this time.

For additional information, please go to the Eastern Area Coordination Center <https://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/>

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