

# EXPLANATION OF FIRE RESTRICTION STAGES



## STAGE 1

The following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within a developed recreation site or improved site. 36CFR §261.52(a)
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. 36CFR §261.52(c)
- Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device that is properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order in accordance with USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended) or appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335(b) and J350(a). 36CFR §261.52(j) and 43CFR §9212.1(h)

## STAGE 2

The following acts are prohibited, in additions to the prohibitions of Stage 1.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire. 36CFR §261.52(a)
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. 36CFR §261.52(d)
3. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36CFR §261(f)
4. Using an explosive. 36CFR §261(b)
5. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine between 10:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. 36CFR §262.52(h)
6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device that is properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order either:
  - i. USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-1 (as amended); or
  - ii. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335(b) and J350(a).
  - iii. 36CFR §261.52(j) and 43CFR §9212.1(h)
7. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36CFR §261.52(l)
8. Possess or use a motor vehicle off: Forest System Roads (36CFR §261.56) except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway; and except for parking overnight in developed campgrounds and at trailheads.

## Exemptions Common to Stage 1 and 2

- Persons with a written fire entry and activity permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Persons using a fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- Persons conducting activities in those designed areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Resident owners and private lessees of lands within the restricted area exemption from restriction 1 above, provided such fires are within a residence.

## Closure

The area is closed to all entry (36CFR §261.52(e)) other than as follows:

- Persons with a written fire entry and activity permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act. This may include such persons as grazing-permit holders when entry is needed to gather, move, or otherwise manage their permitted livestock, special-use authorization holders when access is needed to maintain emergency or other communications operations and others.
- Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Resident owners and private lessees of lands within the closed area.

## Penalties

Violations of these regulations are 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 six (6) months; or both.