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# News Release

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## **Wildfire, recreational safety: Everyone's responsibility this holiday weekend**

**Williams, Ariz., June 29, 2016 — For Immediate Release.** Kaibab National Forest officials are expecting increased numbers of visitors at the forest's more popular recreational areas over the Fourth of July weekend. Visitors are encouraged to use caution during all recreational activities that could potentially cause personal injury or a wildfire. The following are tips for having a safe and pleasant visit to the Kaibab National Forest:

**Campfires, Smoking and Fireworks:** Forest visitors are reminded that although some areas of the forest have received some isolated moisture, the forest remains in very high fire danger and campfire and smoking restrictions are in effect in order to protect public health and reduce preventable human-caused fires.

### **Stage 1 fire restrictions include:**

- Campfires, charcoal grills, and stove fires are prohibited except in designated fire pits in developed recreation sites only.
- Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns, and heaters are authorized provided these devices can be turned on and off.
- Smoking is only permitted in enclosed vehicles, buildings or developed recreation sites.
- Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework is prohibited year-round on all National Forest lands. This includes "legal fireworks" available in some retail stores.

To learn more about Arizona fire restrictions, visit [firerestrictions.us/az](http://firerestrictions.us/az).

**Summer Monsoons:** The potential for flash floods, lightning and widespread rainfall can occur with little warning. Visitors are advised to check weather forecasts, seek appropriate shelter during storms and visit [MonsoonSafety.org](http://MonsoonSafety.org) for more information regarding monsoon awareness and safety tips.

**Camping:** Whether planning to rough it this holiday weekend or simply enjoy a scenic drive, there are many ways to enjoy your National Forest. Forest officials encourage visitors to [Know Before You Go](#). This online resource provides helpful tips to help visitors maximize a memorable and safe experience.

**Dispersed Camping:** Picnicking and camping outside of developed recreation areas on the forest is allowed unless otherwise posted. There are extra responsibilities and skills necessary for dispersed camping. As a reminder, camping rules and regulations are in place to make your experience a safe one while protecting natural and cultural resources so they remain unspoiled for other forest visitors. Visitors should provide their own water, [Tread Lightly](#), and follow [Leave No Trace Principles](#).

**Motor Vehicle Use:** The rules for motorized vehicles may vary between forests and districts. Please refer to the free Motor Vehicle Use Maps for each district for details. Visitors may download district MVUMs for various electronic devices [here](#).

**Wildfire Information:** Forest visitors may also call the Kaibab National Forest fire information phone line at (928) 635-8311 or subscribe to [wildfiresnearme.wfmrda.com](http://wildfiresnearme.wfmrda.com) for current fire conditions. This web-based app is a free subscription service and may be customized to individual areas of interest and sent real-time via text or email.

Visit the forest's website at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/kaibab](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/kaibab) for all other forest information or call the local ranger stations for the latest information on outdoor recreational experiences:

- Williams Ranger District: (928) 635-5600
- Tusayan Ranger District: (928) 638-2443
- North Kaibab Ranger District: (928) 643-7395

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