



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST AND NATIONAL GRASSLANDS
SANDIA RANGER DISTRICT**

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within all National Forest System lands as described in this Order (the “restricted area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties within the State of New Mexico.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds where grills and stoves are provided by the Forest Service. **36 CFR 261.52(a)**
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. **36 CFR 261.52(d)**
3. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. **36 CFR 261.52(f)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Resident owners or lessees of land and holders of Forest Service recreation special use authorizations within the restricted area are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 above ONLY, provided such fires are within a permanent structure.
4. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundary of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, Sandia Ranger District.

PURPOSE:

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to high fire danger resulting from dry fuel conditions and the potential for human caused fires.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect at 8:00 AM on Friday July 1, 2016, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2016 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, and 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 1 day of July, 2016.



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Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands

Assessment of Need (Justification) CRIS and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. This order is being prepared to protect public health and safety due to increased fire danger during conditions which may cause increased fire behavior. An Order is needed to be able to cite persons unwilling to comply with the special Order.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order is written to provide for resource protection.
3. NEPA Compliance: This Order falls under FSH 1909.15, 31.12, (1): “Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety”. This Order will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and, therefore, is categorically excluded from documentation in an EIS or an EA. The only physical changes to the environment associated with this Order will be signs posted temporarily for the duration of the closure. No effects to extraordinary circumstances are anticipated.
4. Civil Rights Impact Statement: This Order does not constitute a “major action” as defined in FSH 1709.11, 31.1, Exhibit 01. It merely limits use of combustion materials/actions susceptible to ignitions within the Sandia Ranger District equal to all; as such, no one group is expected to be displaced or experience a disproportionate burden as a result of this Order.
5. Enforcement Plan. The following activities will occur in order to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed Order along with Fire Restrictions and Closure Decision Checklist (Appendix 5).	Matt Rau, DFMO, Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest	6/29/16
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Terry Olsson, Acting Patrol Captain, Southwestern Region, USFS	6/30/16
Approve proposed order	Elaine Kohrman, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Volunteers, Forest Service LEOs and FPOs, and all available staffs	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives/post to website//copy to each receptionist/frontliners	PAO	
Notices will be used at trailheads and access points advising of the closure for implementation.	Appropriate Staff Law Enforcement Officers Forest Protection Officers Cibola National Forest Employees and Volunteers	

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


 FOREST SUPERVISOR

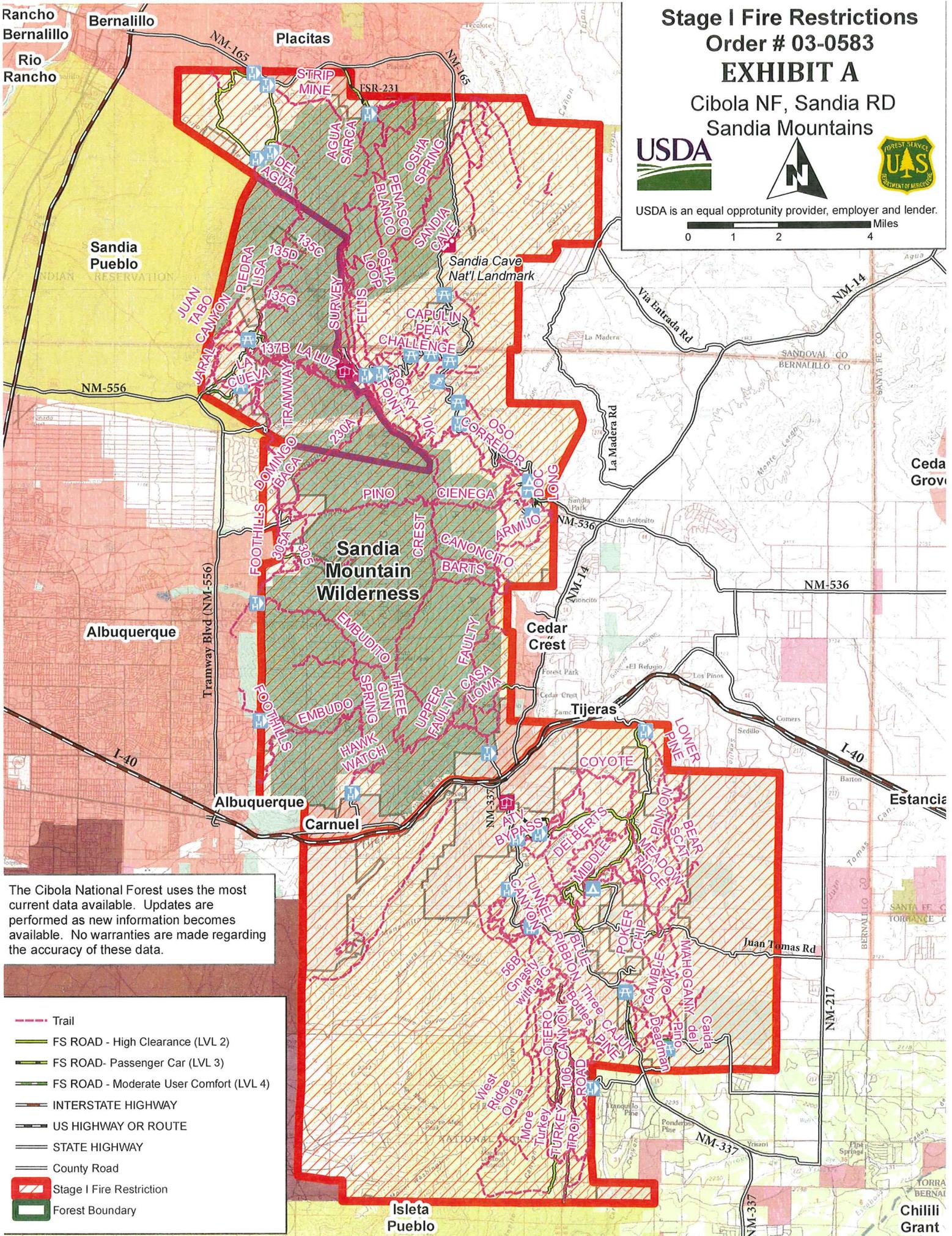

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Stage I Fire Restrictions Order # 03-0583 EXHIBIT A

Cibola NF, Sandia RD
Sandia Mountains



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The Cibola National Forest uses the most current data available. Updates are performed as new information becomes available. No warranties are made regarding the accuracy of these data.

- Trail
- FS ROAD - High Clearance (LVL 2)
- FS ROAD - Passenger Car (LVL 3)
- FS ROAD - Moderate User Comfort (LVL 4)
- INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
- US HIGHWAY OR ROUTE
- STATE HIGHWAY
- County Road
- Stage I Fire Restriction
- Forest Boundary

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Appendix 5

SW INTERAGENCY Fire Restrictions and Closure Decision Checklist

Zone: **ABQ/CIF Sandia RD**

Date: **6/29/16**

AZ Zones: Scan and E-mail completed checklist to Dolores Garcia at dagarcia@blm.gov

NM Zones: Scan and E-mail completed checklist to Jennifer Myslivy at jmyslivy@blm.gov

1. What is the predicted fire potential for the next several weeks?

- Is the Southwest Area 7 Day Significant Fire Potential Outlook showing consistently 'Very Dry' fuels (brown color) or more than one 'High Risk' day (orange or red color) per week?

YES

NO

- Is the Southwest Area Monthly Outlook showing 'Above Normal' Significant Fire Potential (red color) over or near the unit(s) under consideration?

YES

NO

<http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/outlooks/outlooks.htm>

2. Is there an increase in number of fire starts? (Human vs. Natural) (Human – Cause Category)

- # of Human Starts: 0 Major Cause Category: N/A
- # of Natural Starts: 0
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3. What is the daily fire occurrence situation?

- Are there multiple starts?

YES

NO

- Are fire occurrences and associated control problems increasing or decreasing?

INCREASING

DECREASING

4. Are adequate fire resources available by Agency/Zone?

YES

NO

5. Are severity resources or funds requested/approved for local/zone agencies?

YES

NO

6. Is an increase/decrease in recreational visitor days, i.e., holidays and special events, expected?

YES

NO

If yes, example: **There is a considerable elevation of potential for human caused fires due to the 4th of July weekend**

7. Are social, political or economic impacts expected?

YES

NO

If yes, explain: N/A

8. Are there preparations for the next phase, whether that would be a higher level of restrictions, closures, or rescissions of an order?

YES

NO

If yes, explain: We anticipate going out of fire restrictions shortly after the 4th of July weekend.

Have you contacted the following individuals concerning area fire restrictions?

- Fire Prevention Officers: District resources
- Public Affairs/Public Information Officers: District and Forest PAO
- Law Enforcement/Special Agents: District LEOs and detailed LEOs
- Agency Administrators: Supervisor's Office
- Adjoining Zone(s) Board Chairs:

The following decision is based on the above criteria and Interagency discussions:

- Zone partners have decided not to go into restrictions at this time.

Additional notes: _____

- Zone partners including (list units) All Cibola NF Ranger Districts are in Stage I _____

_____ will go into (the appropriate Restrictions or Partial/Full Closures) _____ on (date) _____.

Each agency PAO will forward a copy of their restriction notice to katkinso@blm.gov for posting on the PLIA website for AZ and NM restrictions. A consolidated interagency zone news release will be prepared by (designate lead PAO) Donna Nemeth and forwarded to agencies involved for approval on (date) _____, to be released to the media on (date – preferably mid-week) _____.

Additional notes: _____

Zone Board Chair Initials: _____

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