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Stage I Fire Restrictions still in Effect on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

Springerville, AZ, July 6, 2016 – Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests fire officials would like to remind the community and forest visitors that Stage I Fire Restrictions remain in effect. While recent isolated rainfall has occurred, overall conditions across the forest remain dry.

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) Fire Management Officer, Gary Strickland stated, "After careful consideration and discussion with the White Mountain Fire Restrictions Coordination Group, it was decided to stay in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. The forecast for the next two weeks will be similar to conditions we would have in June. Higher temps, lower RH's, increased winds and no precipitation. The decision will be evaluated again next week."

The following fire restrictions remain in effect for the entire ASNFs:

- Campfires, charcoal grills, and stove fires (wood, charcoal, and coal burning) are prohibited on all ASNFs lands, roads, and trails; except within developed recreation sites where grills and campfire rings are provided. (The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed providing such devices meet the fire under writer's specifications for safety).
- Smoking is prohibited except within enclosed vehicles, buildings, or developed recreation sites where the area is cleared of all flammable material.
- Discharging a firearm is prohibited, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal laws and regulations
- Fireworks are always prohibited on all national forest lands.

Know Before You Go! The public can obtain additional fire information via the following:

- Arizona Fire Restrictions <http://firerestrictions.us/az/>
- Arizona Fire Prevention & Information (fire restrictions & red flag alerts) <http://wildlandfire.az.gov/>
- Fire Restrictions on Public Lands in Arizona and New Mexico 1-877-864-6985.