

ORDER NO. 05-01-16-07
FIRE USE RESTRICTIONS
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Angeles National Forest. This order is effective from September 8, 2016, through the end of the official 2016 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or within a Developed Campground that is barren of all flammable materials for at least three feet in diameter. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
4. Discharging a firearm. 36 CFR 261.58(m).

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

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service 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. Persons hunting a legal game bird or mammal are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, a person hunting during the open hunting season for that bird or mammal as specified by the laws of the State of California, and having a valid California hunting license in his or her possession, may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.
4. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use portable lanterns or stoves using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel within a Developed Campground.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable 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 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Arcadia, California this 7th day of September 2016.



Jeffrey Wail
Forest Supervisor
Angeles National Forest

This Order supersedes Forest Order 05-01-16-04, dated January 29, 2016.



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From: Jeffrey Vail, Forest Supervisor *JV*

Due to the increasing hazards associated with the seasonal drying of fuel moistures and predicted fire weather forecasts the Forest now needs to mitigate fire use for public safety. In order to protect the natural resources and public safety, I am imposing fire restrictions throughout the Forest on September 8, 2016 through the end of the official 2016 fire season.

By prohibiting campfires of wood and charcoal; restricting fire use to pressurized gas, liquid fuel, petroleum jelly lanterns and stoves to developed campgrounds only, it is less likely that an escaped campfire will accidentally cause a wildland fire. In addition, the order prohibits smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or in a developed campground, and the use of open flame torches.

Due to the high probability for recreational shooting related fires this season, recreational shooting is also not permitted. However, a person hunting during the open hunting season for a bird or mammal as specified in the laws of the State of California, and having a valid California hunting license in his or her possession may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.

Los Angeles County Fire Department and CalFire have both been consulted regarding these prohibitions. Neither agency expressed any concerns or objections to these prohibitions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

