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# News Release

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## Campfire Safety Urged This Weekend on Kaibab National Forest

**Williams, Ariz., April. 11, 2018—For Immediate Release.** Kaibab National Forest fire managers would like to remind visitors and the public to use extreme caution with campfires and any other activity that could potentially cause a wildfire as the weekend approaches.

Although there are currently no fire restrictions in effect on the forest, a dry cold front will bring stronger southwest winds into the area this weekend. Temperatures will be noticeably cooler however very dry conditions will endure increasing the threat for critical fire weather. A Red Flag Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service for all of northern Arizona beginning Wednesday afternoon.

“When fuel moistures and relative humidity remain low, fire can spread just as fast even when cold temperatures exist” said Fred Phillips Fire Prevention Officer on the Williams Ranger District. “Historically we have seen more unwanted human caused wildfires occur during this time of year when these type of conditions exist.”

We welcome people to visit and enjoy a wide variety of unique recreational opportunities the forest has to offer, but emphasize the message that there is always a need to be responsible with campfires.

The following tips for ensuring a safe visit to the Kaibab National Forest are recommended:

- Never abandon or leave a campfire unattended.
- Have a shovel and plenty of water on hand to put it out. “Drown, Stir, and Feel!”
- Ensure the area surrounding your campfire is free of any burnable materials.
- Use existing campfire rings to minimize impact to the surrounding soil.
- Remember fireworks are prohibited on all National Forest Lands.
- Dispose of all trash and debris in appropriate receptacles.

As weather conditions become warmer and drier, fire managers will continue to assess the need to implement fire restrictions. Forest visitors may call the Kaibab National Forest fire information phone line at (928) 635-8311 for current conditions and the status of fire restrictions. To find out if fire restrictions are in effect anywhere in Arizona, visit [www.firerestrictions.us/az](http://www.firerestrictions.us/az).

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