

ORDER
STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS
GILA AND APACHE NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are **prohibited** on all National Forest System lands within the Gila National Forest and those portions of the Apache National Forest lying within New Mexico and administered by the Gila National Forest, in the counties of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Sierra within the State of New Mexico ("the restricted area"). The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into the Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal or woodstove, **EXCEPT** within a Forest Service developed recreation or improved site on the attached list (Exhibit B) in a Forest Service provided grill or stove. 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. 35 CFR § 261.52(d)
3. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52(f)
4. Violating any state law concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of prevention of restricting the spread of fire. Forest Conservation Act 68-2-1 through 68-2-25 NMSA 1978 or any provision of rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto. 36 CFR § 261.52(k)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

5. Persons with a Forest Service permit that authorizes actions specifically prohibited by this order.
6. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
7. Owners and lessees within the restricted area are exempt from prohibition 1 above, provided such fires are within their residence.
8. The use of pressurized petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed, provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands within the boundaries as described and depicted in Exhibit A, within the Gila and Apache National Forests, New Mexico.

PURPOSE:

This order is necessary to protect health and safety due to extreme fire hazard conditions on Federal lands.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This order becomes effective at 12:01 AM Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2018.

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Adam Mendonca
Forest Supervisor
Gila National Forest

Violation of these regulations 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 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3571.

Exhibit B: Campgrounds and Picnic Areas Exempt from Campfire Restriction

Black Range Ranger District (575)894-6677

Kingston Campground
Wolf Hollow Campground

Quemado Ranger District (575)773-4678

Juniper Campground
Piñon Campground
El Caso Campground
Armijo Campground
Head of the Ditch Campground
Valle Tio Vincas

Glenwood Ranger District (575)539-2481

Bighorn Campground
Cottonwood Campground
Pueblo Park Campground
Catwalk National Recreation Picnic Area

Wilderness Ranger District (575)536-2250

Upper Scorpion Campground
Lower Scorpion Campground
Forks Campground
Grapevine Campground
Sapillo Campground
Upper End Campground
Mesa Campground
Lake Roberts Picnic Area

Reserve Ranger District (575)533-6232

Aeroplane Mesa
Apache Creek Campground
Snow Lake/Dipping Vat Campground
Willow Creek Campground
Ben Lilly Campground

Silver City Ranger District (575)388-8201

Little Walnut Picnic Areas
Cherry Creek Campground
McMillan Campground
Iron Creek Campground
Upper Gallinas Campground
Railroad Campground