

**United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Intermountain Region
Ashley National Forest
Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**

Prohibitions:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the Ashley National Forest Lands, beginning on July 02, 2018 at 0001 a.m. and continuing until rescinded:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire including charcoal and briquettes outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area, 36 CFR § 261.52(a); and
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. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order pursuant to USDA, FS Standard 5100-1a or SAE recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a), 36 CFR § 261.52(j).
4. Cutting, grinding or welding metal in areas of vegetation, 36 CFR § 261.52(i).

Exemptions:

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

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order;
2. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum fuels;
3. Persons using a stove fire in a designated area as defined in this Order;
4. Persons smoking while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is clear of all flammable materials; and
5. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Purpose:

To reduce the risk of human caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and severe weather conditions.

Area described:

All National Forest System lands within the boundaries the Ashley National Forest and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

Implementation:

1. This Order will be in effect beginning July 2, 2018 at 0001 AM and shall be in effect until rescinded.
2. Exhibit A, "Definitions," is attached and incorporated into this order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization and/or imprisonment for not more than 6 months. [Title 16 USC § 551, Title 18 USC § 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC § 3581(b)(7)].
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Ashley National Forest Supervisors Office, Vernal, Utah, 435-789-1181.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas covered by this Order.

Done at Vernal, Utah this 29th of June, 2018



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Exhibit A

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Definitions:

DESIGNATED AREA: Developed recreation sites, such as campgrounds and picnic areas, that are maintained and administered by the Forest Service, shown on the current Forest visitor maps, and are equipped with a permanent fire structures.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A permanent metal or concrete structure, which is specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire that has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service or equivalent.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, which is outfitted with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length and is equipped with a spark arrestor consisting of a mesh screen with a screen opening of ¼ inch or less.

For further definitions or clarification of definitions, refer to [36 CFR § 261.2].