

Fire Restrictions: High and Moderate Hazard Areas

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Tinder-dry conditions and dry weather trends dictate an extra measure of caution to prevent large and damaging wildfires on the Stanislaus National Forest. When dry conditions occur, the Forest Supervisor signs a forest order initiating fire restrictions to moderate and high fire hazard areas up to 6,000 feet in elevation on Calaveras, Groveland, Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger districts.

Within those fire hazard areas and during fire restrictions, visitors are restricted from the following activities:

Campfires Building campfires, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or briquette barbecue outside of a developed recreation site is prohibited.

Smoking Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within a developed recreation site, or in areas with at least a three-foot by three-foot clearance of all flammable material.

Welding Operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame is prohibited.

Use of Explosives Using explosives of any kind is prohibited.

Violating these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

A person with a valid California campfire permit may use a portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid within the hazard areas. Free campfire permits are available at any Forest Service office or online at <http://www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfires/>.

Detailed maps displaying the various fire hazard zones within the Forest are available for viewing at the Supervisor's Office in Sonora, and at the front desk at Summit, Groveland and Calaveras ranger districts. A Fire Restrictions map can be found on the reverse.

Woodcutting

Woodcutting is also impacted by dry weather and conditions. Woodcutting is allowed with a valid permit on a day-to-day basis, depending on the daily fire danger rating. Call the woodcutting information line at (209) 532-5601 for recorded woodcutting information. Fuelwood permits may be obtained at the front desk of any ranger district and the supervisor's office between April 15 and December 15. All fuelwood permits expire December 15.

On identified no-cut days, whipsaws, axes and other manual means of cutting may be utilized when the use of chainsaws prohibited.



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