

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST**

**STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Tonto National Forest in, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona and as depicted on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 C.F.R. § 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 (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating any acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).
4. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment operated by an internal combustion engine between the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 36 CFR 261.52(j).

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions in this Order:

1. Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.
2. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.
4. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

## PURPOSE

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

## IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 8:00 AM on Tuesday May 12, 2020, and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the restricted area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition 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 by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mesa Ranger District located in Mesa, AZ, telephone number 480 610-3300.

Done at Phoenix, AZ this 11 day of May, 2020.

  
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Forest Supervisor  
Tonto National Forest