

Forest Order No. 05-15-00-20-04
Sierra National Forest
COVID-19 Fire Restriction

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on the Sierra National Forest. This Order is effective from May 30, 2020, through November 30, 2020.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within the Designated Recreation Sites listed in Exhibit A and all Wilderness Areas. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material, or within the Designated Recreation Sites listed in Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Operating an internal combustion engine off paved, gravel or dirt National Forest System roads and trails, except boats on a water surface. 36 CFR 261.52(h).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 216.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

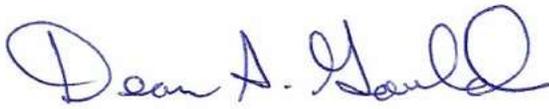
1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable campfire ring/pit, stove, or lantern in an area at least five feet from any flammable materials provided that the portable campfire ring/pit, stove, or lantern only burns gas, kerosene, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel, with a shut-off valve.
3. Persons with a valid 2020 Forest Products Removal Permit (fuelwood permit) from the United States Forest Service are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above, but may operate an internal combustion engine off National Forest System roads and trails only to the extent necessary to cut fuelwood, provided the cutting of fuelwood is done in compliance with the terms of the Permit.
4. Persons with a valid Forest Service special use authorization for a recreation residence, resort, or organizational camp are exempt from Prohibition No. 1, while at their recreation residence, resort, or organizational camp.

5. Persons with a Forest Service non-special use written authorization to conduct non-recreational activities, such as harvesting timber or forest products, or grazing livestock, are exempt from Prohibition No. 3, provided the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the authorization.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Clovis, California, this 29th day of May 2020.



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EXHIBIT A

Designated Recreation Sites

The Falls Picnic Site
Lakeside Picnic Site
Rocky Point Picnic Site
Denver Church Picnic Site
Little Denver Picnic Site
Pine Slope Picnic Site Billy Creek Picnic Site