



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST
EMERGENCY STAGE I 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 as described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Prescott National Forest, Coconino and Yavapai Counties, Arizona:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area. **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. Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Holders of Forest Service Special Use Authorizations are exempt from Prohibition #1 above, provided such fires are within a fire structure and they are within their permitted area.
2. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.
3. Persons using a stove fire in a designated area.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Prescott National Forest, as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources, and facilities during the current period of high fire danger. An emergency situation exists due to the high levels of continuous fine fuel loading, fire danger indices, and extreme weather conditions. These factors have created an environment in which ignitions from human-caused activities can occur at a much higher rate than normal. Further, wildfires from such ignitions have the propensity to spread extremely quickly, presenting a significant risk to the public, as well as substantial obstacles to firefighters in the implementation of wildfire suppression strategies.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect at 08:00 A.M. on Friday, May 14, 2021, and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2021 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. A list of "Definitions" is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit B.
4. Designated areas as referenced in Prohibition #1, that consist of developed recreation sites with metal fire rings and pedestal grills provided by the Forest Service, are listed in Exhibit C, attached and made part of this Order.
5. 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)).
6. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office located in Chino Valley, AZ, telephone number 928-777-2200.

Done at Prescott, AZ, this 10th day of May 2021

DALE A. DEITER
Forest Supervisor

Prescott National Forest

EXHIBIT B

EMERGENCY STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

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 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 C.F.R. § 261.2.