



**CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST  
KIOWA NATIONAL GRASSLANDS  
STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Kiowa/Rita Blanca National Grasslands of the Cibola National Forest, in Cimarron County, within the state of Oklahoma, Harding, Union Counties, within the state of New Mexico, and Dallam County within the state of Texas. The “restricted areas” are as described in this order, and as depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A.

**PROHIBITIONS**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove is prohibited. **EXCEPTIONS:** (1) resident owners and lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service recreation special use authorizations, may build, maintain, attend or use a fire within the restricted area provided such fires are within a permanent structure and (2) the use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed provided such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)**
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. **36 C.F.R § 261.52(d)**
3. Using an explosive. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b)**
4. Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h)**
5. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either:
  - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
  - b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a). **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j)**
6. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame; **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i)**
7. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads. **EXCEPTIONS:** (1) when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway or (2) when parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads; **36 C.F.R. § 261.56**

8. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.  
36 C.F.R. 261.52 (f)

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

All National Forest System lands included within the boundary of the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands, Kiowa/Rita Blanca N.G.

**PURPOSE**

This order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the increased fire danger.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

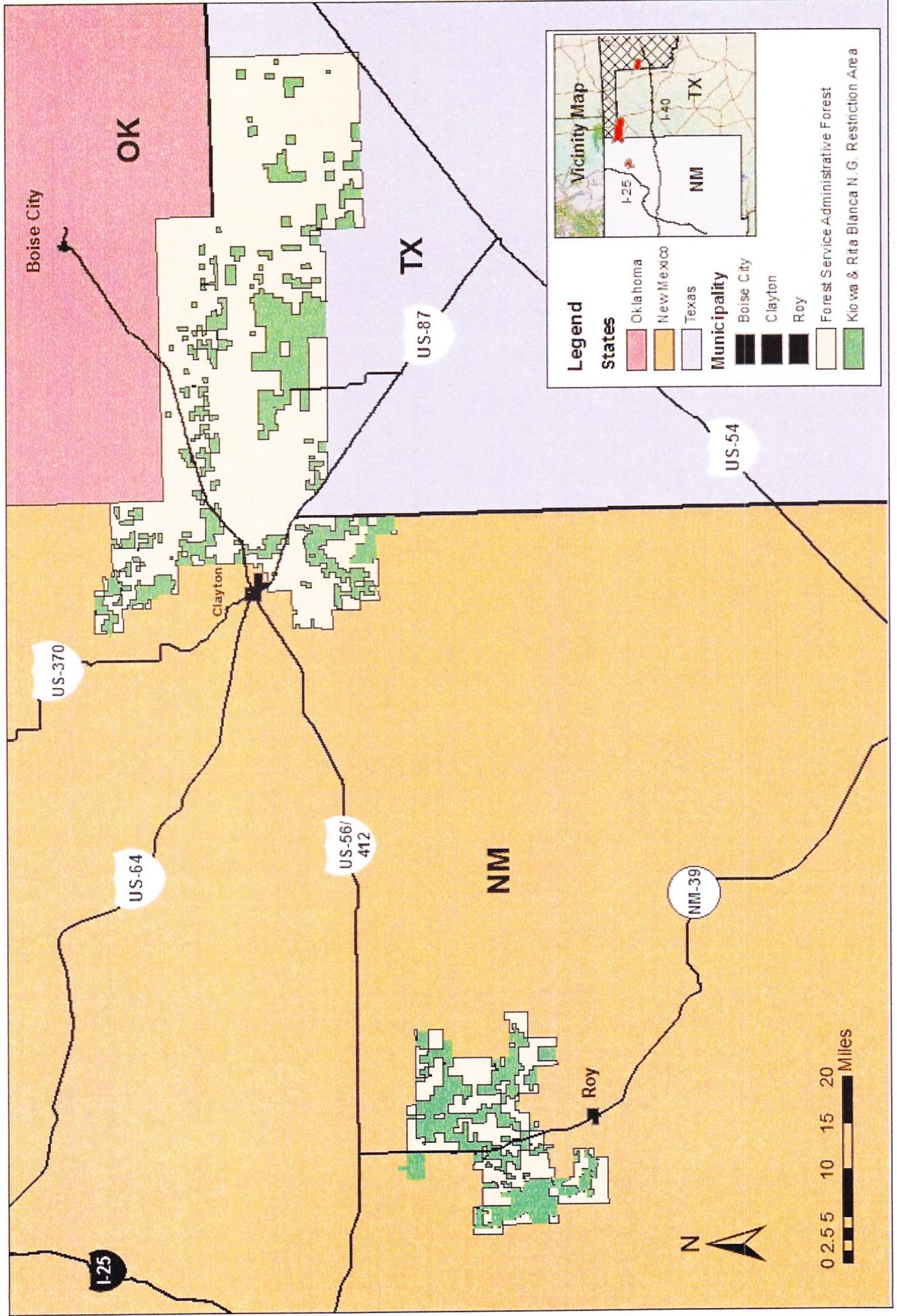
1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2014, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six months. Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC Sections 3559, 3571, and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 16 day of April, 2014.



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# Cibola National Forest- Kiowa & Rita-Blanca National Grasslands Fire Restriction Area



Appendix 5

SW INTERAGENCY Fire Restrictions and Closure Decision Checklist

Zone: New Mexico Date:

AZ Zones: Scan and E-mail completed checklist to Dolores Garcia at dagarcia@blm.gov

NM Zones: Scan and E-mail completed checklist to Jennifer Myslivy at jmyslivy@blm.gov

1. What is the predicted fire potential for the next several weeks?

- Is the Southwest Area 7 Day Significant Fire Potential Outlook showing consistently 'Very Dry' fuels (brown color) or more than one 'High Risk' day (orange or red color) per week?

[X] YES [ ] NO

- Is the Southwest Area Monthly Outlook showing 'Above Normal' Significant Fire Potential (red color) over or near the unit(s) under consideration?

[X] YES [ ] NO

http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/outlooks/outlooks.htm

2. Is there an increase in number of fire starts? (Human vs. Natural) (Human - Cause Category)

- # of Human Starts: Major Cause Category:
# of Natural Starts:

3. What is the daily fire occurrence situation?

- Are there multiple starts?

[ ] YES [X] NO

- Are fire occurrences and associated control problems increasing or decreasing?

[ ] INCREASING [ ] DECREASING

4. Are adequate fire resources available by Agency/Zone?

[X] YES [ ] NO

5. Are severity resources or funds requested/approved for local/zone agencies?

[X] YES [ ] NO

6. Is an increase/decrease in recreational visitor days, i.e., holidays and special events, expected?

[X] YES [ ] NO

If yes, example: Warmer/longer days has more public recreating.

7. Are social, political or economic impacts expected?

[ ] YES [X] NO

If yes, explain:

**8. Are there preparations for the next phase, whether that would be a higher level of restrictions, closures, or rescissions of an order?**

YES

NO

If yes, explain: If occurrences of fire expand the next level will be looked at and if significant moisture presents itself rescissions will be made.

Have you contacted the following individuals concerning area fire restrictions?

- Fire Prevention Officers: Supervisors Office
- Public Affairs/Public Information Officers: /Supervisors Office
- Law Enforcement/Special Agents: Supervisors Office
- Agency Administrators: Supervisors Office
- Adjoining Zone(s) Board Chairs: Cimmaron County, OK and Harding County, NM,

The following decision is based on the above criteria and Interagency discussions:

- Zone partners have decided not to go into restrictions at this time.

Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone partners including (list units) \_\_Cimmaron County, OK and Harding County\_\_\_\_ will go into (the appropriate Restrictions or Partial/Full

Closures) \_\_Presently in Place\_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

Each agency PAO will forward a copy of their restriction notice to katkinso@blm.gov for posting on the PLIA website for AZ and NM restrictions. A consolidated interagency zone news release will be prepared by (designate lead PAO) \_\_\_\_\_ and forwarded to agencies involved for approval on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, to be released to the media on (date – preferably mid-week) \_\_\_\_\_.

Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone Board Chair Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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