



United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands
Sandia Ranger District

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited within the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, in the following counties of Bernalillo and Sandoval, within the state of New Mexico (the “restricted area”). The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds where grills and stoves are provided by the Forest Service. 36 CFR 261.52(a). Exception: the use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed provided such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52 (d)
3. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of fire work or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52.(f)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from some or all of the provisions in this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Resident owners or lessees of land and holders of Forest Service recreation special use authorizations within the restricted area are exempt from prohibition 1 above only, provided such fires are within a permanent structure.

AREA DESCRIBED

Any National Forest System lands included within the boundary of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, Sandia Ranger District. (see map)

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the increasing dry weather conditions, ERC's reaching the 90th percentile and the higher frequency of red flag warning days.

This order becomes effective 8:00 a.m., Monday May 5, 2014, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or December 31, 2014 whichever occurs first.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 25 day of April, 2014.



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Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, 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 and 3571.

Cibola National Forest- Sandia Ranger District Fire Restriction Area

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