



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

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands (the “restricted area”), in Bernalillo, and Sandoval Counties within the state of New Mexico. 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, charcoal, coal, or wood stove; **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. Using an explosive; **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b)**.
4. Discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun; **36 C.F.R § 261.58 (m)**.
5. Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h)**.
6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either:
 - Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a); **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j)**.
7. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame; **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i)**.
8. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway; and except for parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads. **36 C.F.R. § 261.56**.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to **36 CFR § 261.50(e)**, the following 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.
3. Residents, owners and lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service recreation special use authorizations within the restricted area, are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 above ONLY, provided such fires are within a permanent structure.
4. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.

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

This Order becomes effective at 08:00 AM, June 2, 2014, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2014, whichever occurs first. This Order rescinds, replaces and supersedes Order(s) No. 03-0517.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 28 day of May, 2014.



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Violation of these regulations 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 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.

Cibola National Forest- Sandia Ranger District Fire Restriction Area

