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Fire Restrictions to take effect in National Forest

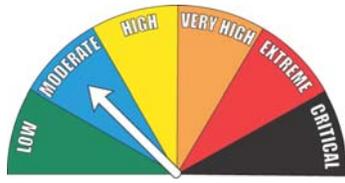
San Bernardino, CA... The San Bernardino National Forest is implementing its annual fire season restrictions beginning today June 20, 2005.

Under the restrictions, no open campfires or charcoal fires are allowed outside of designated recreation sites such as campgrounds, picnic sites, and yellow post sites. These locations have been cleared of dry vegetation before they are opened for summer use, reducing fire risk. Portable lanterns and stoves using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel may be used only by persons with a valid California Campfire permit.

The restrictions require smokers to stay within enclosed vehicles, or to clear an area three (3) feet in diameter before lighting up. Smoking is also permitted at developed recreation sites.

Spark arresters are required for off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, generators and other internal combustion engines, and a permit is required for welding or operating any torch device with an open flame or for use of any explosive device.

In addition to the above seasonal restrictions, Fire Chief Michael Dietrich reminds visitors that fireworks are always prohibited on the San Bernardino National Forest. "We want people to enjoy the Forest, but to do it responsibly," he added. "We need the public's cooperation more than ever this year."



For More information on Fire Restrictions visit our website at
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