

News Release



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Cleveland National Forest Forest Use Restriction Level Moves Up to HIGH

San Diego, CA – June 23, 2010...As a result of warmer temperatures, the Cleveland National Forest will change the Forest Use Restriction Level from **MODERATE to HIGH** on Thursday, June 24, 2010, beginning at 6am. Factors used to determine the appropriate level of forest use restrictions include current and predicted weather, the amount of dead trees and brush, fuel moisture conditions, the level of fire activity both in the region and nationally, and the availability of fire suppression resources.

Forest use restrictions are subject to change with weather and fire activity. Visitors should still use care and caution when visiting the national forest and should check current conditions, including road access and allowable recreational activities, by visiting www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland or by calling ranger district offices.

The Cleveland National Forest would also like to remind visitors that fireworks are never allowed on national forest lands and that spark arrestors are still required for all off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, and other equipment. Wood and charcoal fires are allowed **ONLY** in developed campgrounds and picnic areas within designated fire rings. Open fires are **NEVER** allowed in remote areas on the national forest. Discharging a firearm with steel core, armor-piercing, or tracer ammunition is **NOT** allowed.

Visitors are encouraged to “check before they go.” For a recorded message on national forest conditions, please call **(619) 593-2183**. For online information, visit www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland. Please check with the other southern California national forests to determine what restrictions currently are in place.

Check before you go for updated information.

- o Ranger district offices are open Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- o For the Cleveland National Forest Supervisor’s Office, call (858) 673-6180.
- o For the Alpine, Descanso, and Laguna Mountain areas, call the Descanso Ranger District at (619) 445-6235.
- o For the Palomar Mountain, Henshaw, Ramona, and Oak Grove areas, call the Palomar Ranger District at (760) 788-0250.
- o For the Ortega Highway, San Mateo, and Corona areas, call the Trabuco Ranger District at (951) 736-1811.