

**ORDER  
FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System (NFS) Lands located within the proclaimed boundary of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, within the State of Arizona (“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, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire; 36 CFR § 261.52(a). Exception: The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed provided such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety. Liquid petroleum and LPG stoves that can be turned on and off are allowed.
2. Using an explosive; 36 CFR § 261.52(b).
3. 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).
4. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device; 36 CFR § 261.52(f).
5. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame; 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
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: (1) Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a); 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j).
7. Operating a chainsaw between the hours of 9 am and 8 pm is prohibited; chainsaws may be used between the hours of 8:01 pm and 8:59 am.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission; and

2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized, or rescue firefighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
3. Persons in motor vehicles on existing Forest System Roads and Trails are exempt from Prohibition number 6.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

All National Forest System Lands located within the proclaimed boundary of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (Exhibit A). Included in this closure are all NFS lands contained within the Alpine, Black Mesa, Clifton, Lakeside, and Springerville Ranger Districts of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

**PURPOSE:**

To reduce fire risk, prevent human caused wildfires, protect property, and protect public health and safety during periods of high or extreme fire danger.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order 01-12-537 will go into effect promptly at 12:01 p.m on Friday June 1, 2012 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded, until 12:01 am on December 31, 2012
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3885, Title 18 USC 3571, Title 18 USC 3581].

Done at Springerville, Arizona this 1st day of June 2012

  
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Stage 2 Fire Restrictions  
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Exhibit: A

