



Santa Fe National Forest Fire Restriction Definitions

Please note: These **could be** the restrictions put in place by the forest. What's allowed or not allowed within each Stage may change based on conditions. Official fire restrictions will be identified in a signed "Order" by the Forest Supervisor. Official fire restriction orders can be found on-line, at all Forest offices, and will be posted at all recreational areas. Restrictions are put in place to protect public health and safety and natural and cultural resources so PLEASE obey them.

Stage 1 Restrictions:

- **Open campfires**, charcoal grills and stove fires **are prohibited**, except in *developed* camp and picnic grounds where agency-built fire rings or grills are provided - these are usually areas that charge campsite fees.
- **Pressurized liquid or gas stoves**, lanterns and heaters usually **are allowed**. Again, check local postings to be sure.
- **Smoking is restricted** to enclosed buildings, within vehicles equipped with ashtrays and on paved or surfaced roads, within developed recreation sites or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- **Open burning**, i.e., burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, or weed burning, **is prohibited**.

Stage 2 Restrictions:

- **NO OPEN FIRES!** Which means that "**building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, broiler, coal, or wood stove fire is prohibited**" anywhere in the restricted jurisdiction- even in developed recreation sites. Public lands users *are* allowed to use pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns, or space-heating devices - check your gear *before* heading out to be sure it operates safely.
- **Smoking** is only allowed *inside* an enclosed vehicle
- **No shooting**
- **NO motor vehicles** can be taken **off road**, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway. Parking overnight in developed campgrounds and trailheads is usually allowed.
- Internal or external combustion **engines must have** properly installed, maintained, and working **spark arrestors**.
- **Explosives (including fireworks)** are **prohibited**.
- Operating **chainsaws, other equipment powered by an internal combustion engines, and welding** is usually restricted as well.

Stage 3 Restrictions

- Parts of the forest will close.

Stage 4 Restrictions

- All of the forest will close.