



**ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST / VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE**

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 Santa Fe National Forest and Valles Caldera National Preserve as described below in the following counties: Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Miguel, and Mora, within the state of New Mexico. The “restricted area” is described below and 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)**
Exceptions: The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, propane grills, or heating devices is allowed, provided such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specification for safety. Generators that are specifically designed by the manufacturer to be used within, and are used within, an enclosed recreational vehicle, such as a motorhome or travel trailer, are allowed.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. **36 CFR § 261.52(d)**
3. Using an Explosive, **36 CFR 261.52 (d)**
4. Discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun. **36 CFR 261.58(m)**
5. Operating a chainsaw or any other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine. **36 CFR § 261.52(h)**
6. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. **36 CFR § 261.52(i)**
7. 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 CFR § 261.52(j)**
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 or when parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads. **36 C.F.R. § 261.56**
9. Violating the following state laws: **NMSA, Section 68-2-16, and other sections of the Forest Conservation Act, NMSA 1978, Section 68-2-1 to 68-2-25, and 19.20.3 NMAC**, concerning burning, fires, and is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fire. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52 (k)**

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service letter or 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.

RESTRICTED AREA

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Santa Fe National Forest and Valles Caldera National Preserve within the following counties: Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Miguel, and Mora, within the state of New Mexico (Exhibit A) except for:

- National Forest System Lands 100-feet from both sides of the Rio Chama Scenic River starting at the north end of the river at the Forest Boundary downstream to Christ of the Desert Monastery; between Forest Road 151 and the River downstream to Big Eddy; and from there Forest Road 151 only to Santa Fe National Forest Boundary.
- Valles Caldera Valle Grande Staging Area.

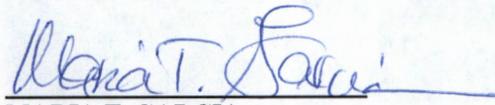
PURPOSE

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

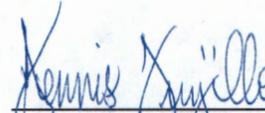
IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2013, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2013, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Violations 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.**
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces order 10-384 and is in addition to Regional Closure Order R03-001.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 21st day of June 2013.



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