



FOREST ORDER NO. 19-23-03
FIRE RESTRICTIONS
USDA FOREST SERVICE
LAKE TAHOE BASIN MANAGEMENT UNIT

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. This Order is effective August 16, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except:
 - a. fires fueled by charcoal briquettes, wood, and wood pellets (hard fuels) may be built, maintained, attended, and used within the developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit A; and
 - b. portable campfire pits, lanterns, or stoves that use gas, kerosene, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel, with a shut-off valve (gas stoves) may be used in the developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit B.

36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).
3. Operating an internal combustion engine off paved, gravel, or dirt National Forest System roads and trails, except within the Sand Pit Off-Highway Vehicle Area and boats on a water surface. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h).
4. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a valid Wilderness Permit or a California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid Wilderness Permit or a California Campfire Permit may use a portable campfire pit, lantern, or stove that uses gas, kerosene, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel, with a shut-off valve (gas stoves), in any area at least five feet from any flammable materials.
3. Persons with a valid 2023 Forest Products Removal Permit (fuelwood permit) from the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above but may operate an internal combustion engine off National Forest System roads and trails only to the extent necessary to cut fuelwood, provided the cutting of fuelwood is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.



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4. Persons with a Forest Service non-special use written authorization to conduct non-recreational activities, such as harvesting timber or forest products, or grazing livestock, are exempt from Prohibition Nos. 3 and 4 while performing those activities in accordance with the written authorization.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more the \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in South Lake Tahoe, California, this 15th day of August 2023.

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Exhibit A

Developed Recreation Sites Exempted from Hard Fuels Prohibition

Camp Richardson Resort Campgrounds
Camp Richardson Corral
Echo Chalet
Fallen Leaf Campground
Kaspian Campground
Meeks Bay Campground
Meeks Bay Resort Campground
Nevada Beach Campground and Pavilion Facility
Round Hill Pines Resort
William Kent Campground
Camp Shelly
Berkley Camp
Angora Lakes Resort
Zephyr Cove Resort Campground



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Exhibit B

Developed Recreation Sites Exempted from Campfire Permit Requirement for Gas Stoves

Baldwin Beach

Camp Richardson Resort Day Use Area

Kaspian Day Use Area

Meeks Bay Day Use Areas

Nevada Beach Day Use Area

Pope Beach

William Kent Beach

Zephyr Cove Resort Day Use Area