



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Lincoln National Forest**

Emergency Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Lincoln National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area”):

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal and briquettes. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).
4. Using an explosive. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b).
5. 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 and except for parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.:

1. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h), (j).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the generator.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.
4. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).

DESCRIBED AREA

All National Forest System Lands, Roads, and Trails within the exterior boundaries of the Lincoln National Forest, as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and severe fire weather conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from Thursday May 30th, 2024 at 0800 through Sunday December 31st, 2024 at 0800, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lincoln/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

5. Contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District in Ruidoso, NM (575) 257-4095, Sacramento Ranger District in Cloudcroft, NM (575) 682-2551, Guadalupe Ranger District in Carlsbad, NM (575) 885-4181, and Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office in Alamogordo, NM, (575) 434-7200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on May 29th, 2024.

Jason Freeman
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Lincoln National Forest

EXHIBIT B EMERGENCY STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

DEFINITIONS:

DESIGNATED AREA: Developed recreation sites such as campgrounds and picnic areas that are maintained and administered by the Forest Service, shown on the current Forest visitor maps, and are equipped with permanent fire structures.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A permanent metal or concrete structure, which is specially designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire that has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service or equivalent.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, which is outfitted with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length and is equipped with a spark arrestor consisting of a mesh screen with a screen opening of ¼ inch or less.

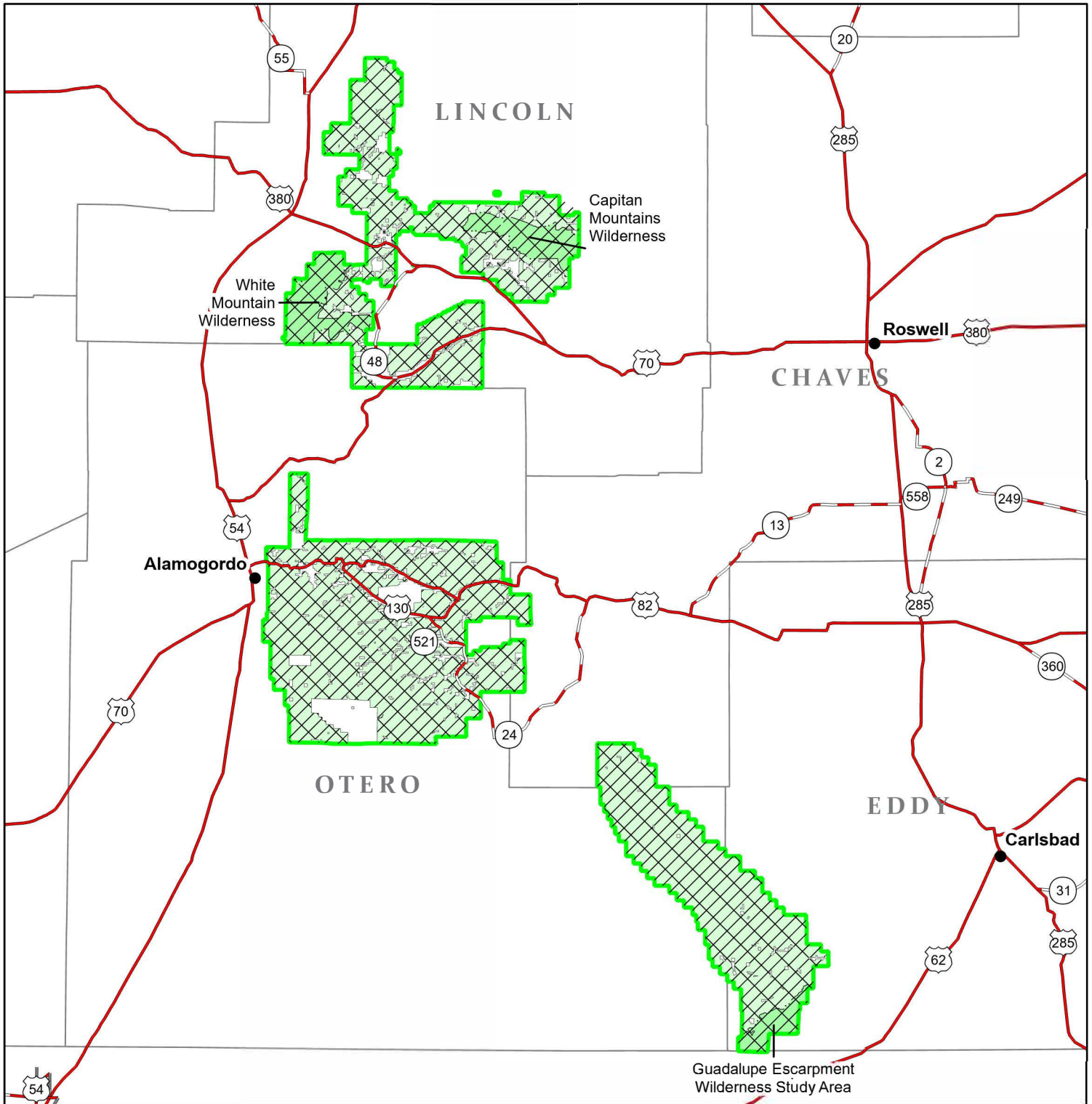
For further definitions or clarification of definitions, refer to 36 C.F.R. § 261.2.



Fire Restriction - Stage 2

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 Described Area

Ownership

 US Forest Service

 OTHER

 Lincoln National Forest Boundary

 Wilderness Area



NEW MEXICO
Otero, Lincoln, Chaves & Eddy Counties

