

Order Number: # 03-09-00-24-04



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

Emergency Stage I 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 on the Prescott 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 outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area (list of designated areas provided in Exhibit C to this Order). **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. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).**

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. 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).
2. As to prohibition number one, 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 3 feet of the device.

3. As to prohibition number one, persons using a stove fire in a designated area, as listed in Exhibit C to this Order.
4. As to prohibition number three, persons engaged in legal hunting activity pursuant to State, Federal, or Tribal laws and regulations are allowed to discharge a firearm while taking wildlife.
5. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundaries of the Prescott National Forest, as depicted in Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources, and facilities during the current period of high fire danger. An emergency situation exists due to the high levels of continuous fine fuel loading, fire danger indices, and extreme weather conditions. These factors have created an environment in which ignitions from human-caused activities can occur at a much higher rate than normal. Further, wildfires from such ignitions have the propensity to spread extremely quickly, presenting a significant risk to the public, as well as substantial obstacles to firefighters in the implementation of wildfire suppression strategies.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 06, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. through September 30, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. 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/prescott/alerts-notice>
3. A list of "Definitions" is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit B.
4. 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.
5. Designated areas as referenced in Prohibition #1, that consist of developed

recreation sites with metal fire rings and pedestal grills provided by the Forest Service, are listed in Exhibit C, attached, and made part of this Order.

6. 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.
7. Contact the Bradshaw Ranger District in Prescott, AZ, (928) 443-8000, Verde Ranger District in Camp Verde, AZ, (928) 567-4121, and the Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office in Chino Valley, AZ, (928) 777-2200, for more information about this Order.
8. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on June 4, 2024.

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**EXHIBIT B
EMERGENCY STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

DEFINITIONS:

DESIGNATED AREA: Developed recreation sites such as campgrounds and picnic areas specifically listed in Exhibit C to this order.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A permanent metal or concrete structure, which is specifically 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.