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## State Forester Notice of Fire Restrictions On All State-Owned Lands Outside Incorporated Municipalities Effective June 28, 2011

Fire, smoking, and fireworks restrictions are being implemented by the Arizona State Forester on all State-owned lands. The restrictions are effective June 28, 2011 and will continue until further notice. (Authority: ARS 37-623 and ARS 37-623.02)

This Notice replaces the May 11, 2011 State Forester Notice of Fire Restrictions. This Notice strengthens and standardizes fire restrictions across all unincorporated state-owned lands in Arizona, including lands administered by the State Land Department, State Game and Fish Department, State Parks, and State Department of Transportation.

Fire restrictions are necessary due to existing extreme fire danger to prevent human caused wildfires and protect public health and safety. Contributing factors are weather conditions – high temperatures, low humidity and high wind; as well as the dry conditions of Arizona's desert and forest vegetation.

These restrictions will apply to the following State-Owned Lands:

- All State Trust Lands outside incorporated municipalities.
- All Game and Fish Wildlife Areas outside incorporated municipalities.
- All State Parks outside incorporated municipalities.
- All Department of Transportation highway right-of-way property outside incorporated municipalities not owned by federal land management agencies.

### The restrictions are as follows:

- Building, maintaining or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal burning device is ***prohibited***. (Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are ***exempt*** from these restrictions.);
- Smoking is ***prohibited unless***: it is within an enclosed vehicle, building, developed campground, or in an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials;
- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch device with an open flame is ***prohibited***;

- The use of consumer fireworks, display fireworks, fireworks, and permissible consumer fireworks as defined in ARS 36-1601 is prohibited;
- If local agencies have imposed stronger restrictions than above, those restrictions shall apply;
- All exemptions to these restrictions must be approved by the State Forester.

  
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