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State Forester Notice of Stage 1 Fire Restrictions On All State-Owned Lands Outside Incorporated Municipalities Effective April 18, 2014

Fire, smoking, and fireworks restrictions are being implemented by the Arizona State Forester on all State-owned and managed lands. The restrictions are effective April 18, 2014 at noon and will continue until further notice (Authority: ARS 37-623 and ARS 37-623.02).

Fire restrictions are necessary due to existing very high fire danger to prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public health and safety. Contributing factors include high temperatures, low humidity, and persistently dry vegetation that provide conditions for rapid spread of wildfire.

This Notice applies standardized fire restrictions across all unincorporated State-owned and State-managed lands south of the Grand Canyon. State lands north of the Grand Canyon are not included in this Notice.

These restrictions will apply to the following State-owned and State-managed lands:

- All State Trust lands outside incorporated municipalities
- All Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Areas and Department properties outside incorporated municipalities
- All State Parks outside incorporated municipalities (State Parks will remain open with campfires allowed in developed campgrounds)
- 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, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove other than in a developed campsite or picnic area is ***prohibited***. ***Exemptions*** include 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.
- Smoking is ***prohibited unless***: it is within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site/improved site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- The discharging or using of any kind of fireworks and incendiary devices is ***prohibited***.

- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch device with an open flame is prohibited.

Additional *exemptions* to the above-listed restrictions include:

- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted unless otherwise stated in city ordinance.

All exemptions to these restrictions must be approved by the State Forester.

If local authorities have imposed stronger restrictions than those listed above, then the local restrictions shall apply.

These restrictions apply to all permit and lease holders, and other authorized users of State-managed lands. These restrictions do not apply to private lands.



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